HERO WORSHIP DEPT.: 'SADDLESORE'... SIX FOOT LANKY TEXAN, 'SAURBRATTEN'... WALRUS-MUSTACHED DUTCHMAN, 'ROBESPIERRE'... SUAVE PARISIEN FROM LA BELLE FRANCE, 'BOSS HAWK', LEADER OF THE GANG, 'YOHNNY YOHNSON', FIGHTING SWEDE, AND 'CHOP CHOP CHOP'... CAMP FOLLOWER! ALL MEN OF PEP, VIM AND VIGOR, SNAP CRACKLE AND POP... ALL...

BLACK and BLUE HAWKS!

HAWKAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAW!

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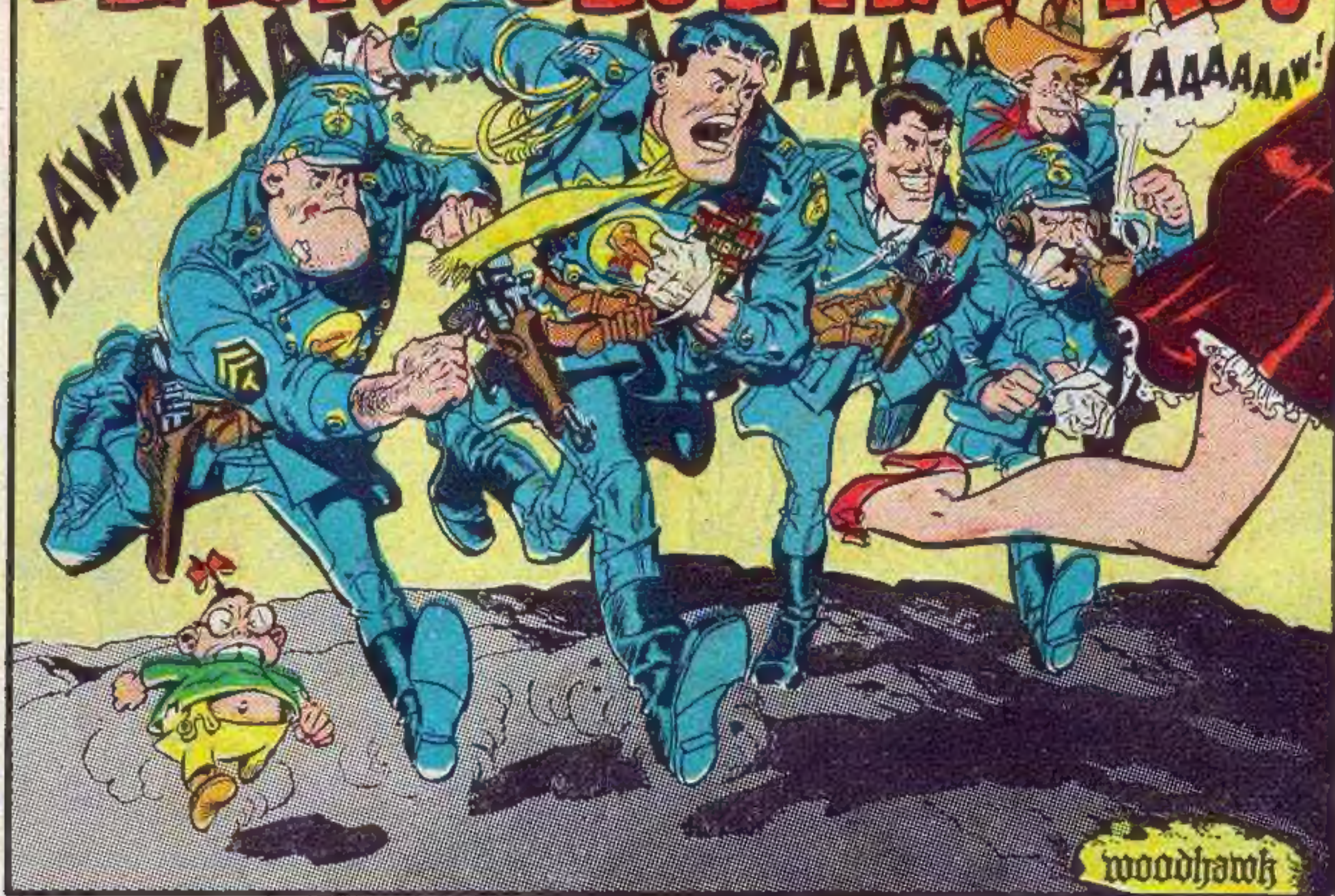
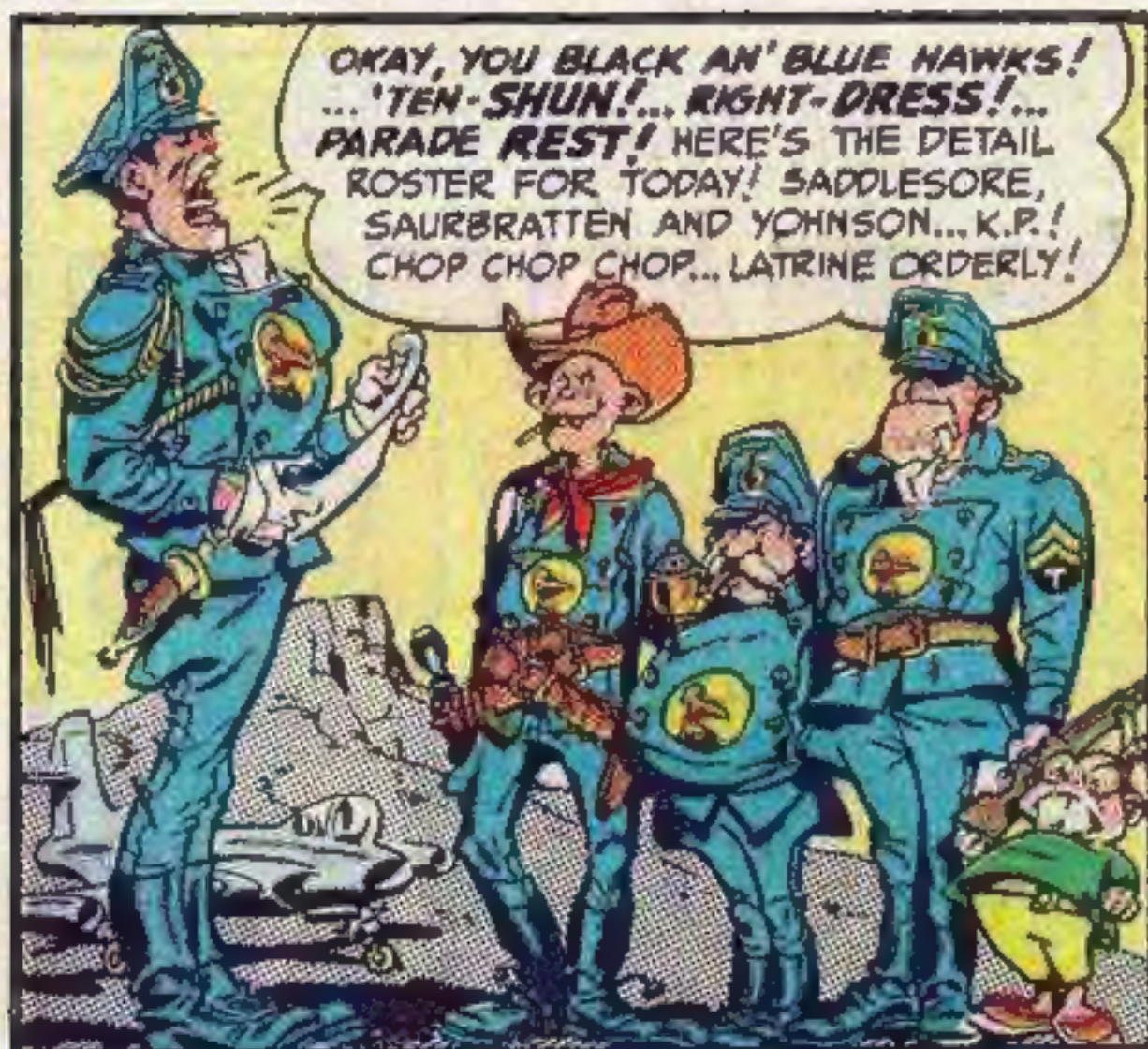
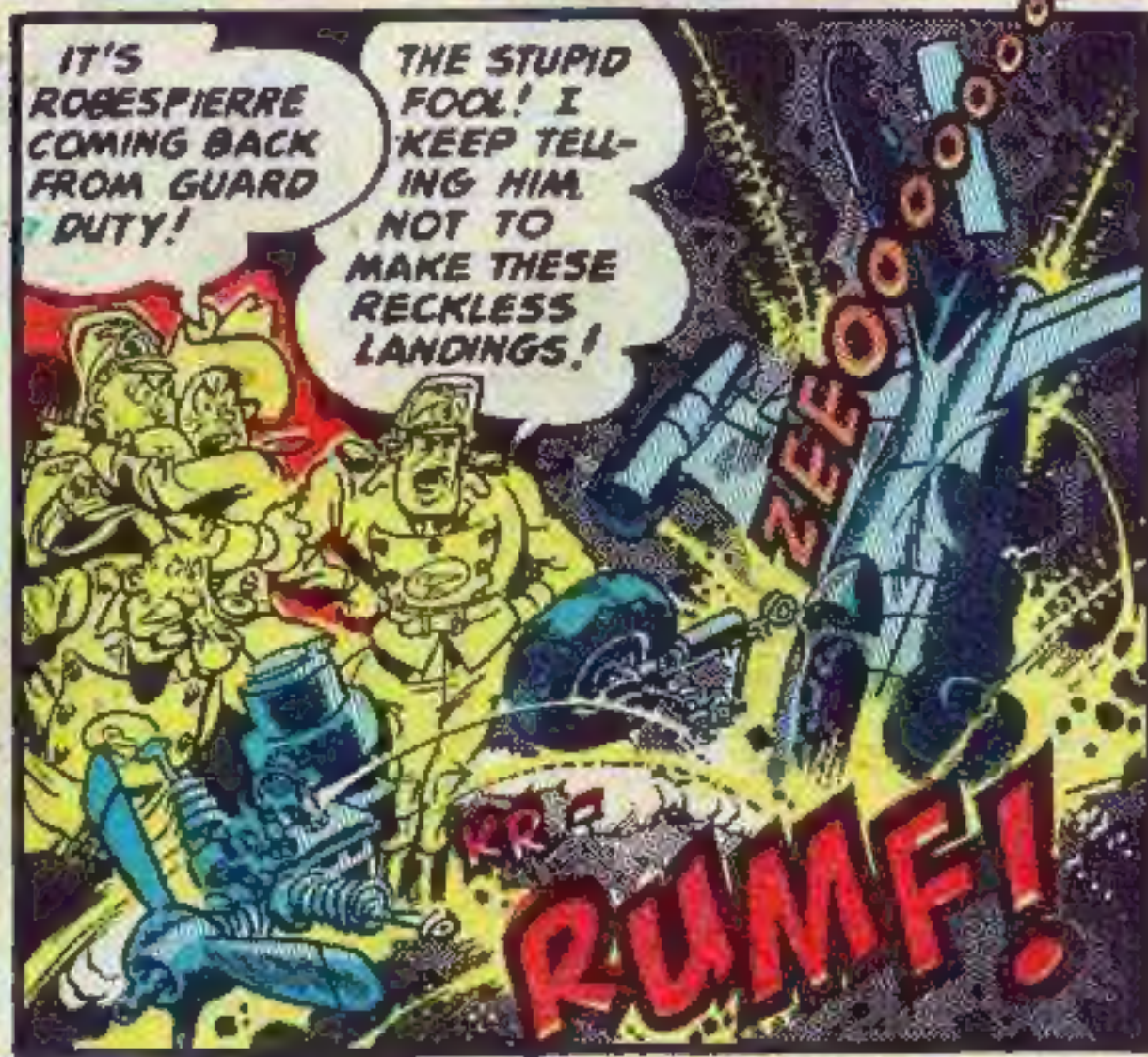

YES, DEAR READER, THESE ARE THE BLACK AND BLUE HAWKS... ***FLYING, FLYING, DYING*** FOR THE FUN OF IT! OH, I'M TELLING YOU... WHAT FUN! COME, THEN! ***COME***... TO A TINY ISLAND FAR OUT IN THE OCEAN! LATITUDE... ***ADVENTURE***, LONGITUDE... ***DANGER!*** FOR THIS IS THE HOME OF... THE ***ROOST*** OF... THE ***COOP*** OF... ***THE BLACK AND BLUE HAWKS!***

OKAY, YOU BLACK AN' BLUE HAWKS! ...'TEN-SHUN!... RIGHT-DRESS!... PARADE REST! HERE'S THE DETAIL ROSTER FOR TODAY! SADDLESORE, SAURBRATTEN AND YOHNSON... K.P.! CHOP CHOP CHOP... LATRINE ORDERLY!

FIRST WE'LL HAVE SOME CLOSE ORDER DRILL! THEN WE'LL POLICE THE AREA! THIS ISLAND'S A MESS!
'TEN-SHUN! FORWARD MARCH!... RIGHT FLANK MARCH! TO THE REAR, MARCH...

OKAY! NOW EVERYBODY!.. WE GONNA PRACTICE OUR BATTLE CRY! EVERYONE AFTER ME! ONE... TWO... THREE...
HAWKAAAH!
I SAY! BY JOVE! WHAT DO MINE EYES PERCEIVE?

IT'S ROBESPIERRE COMING BACK FROM GUARD DUTY!
THE STUPID FOOL! I KEEP TELL-ING HIM NOT TO MAKE THESE RECKLESS LANDINGS!
ZEEOOOOOOOOO
RUMF!

ROBESPIERRE'S PLANE! IT'S NOT MOVING!
IT'S... IT'S JUST LYING THERE!
DO YOU THINK SOMETHING IS WRONG?

ROBESPIERRE! ROBESPIERRE, OLD MAN!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, ROBES? DOES SOMETHING HURT?
O...ONLY WHEN I LAUGH, MES AMIS!

LISTEN CAREFULLY, MON BRAVES! I HAVE JUST COME FROM PANAZONIA! THEY ARE SHIPPING GUNS AND AMMUNITION FOR A REVOLUTION! THEY ARE SHIPPING AMMUNITION TO... TO...
TO...
TO...
TO...
TO, TO...
TO...
TO, TO TO...
TOOT!
TO WHO? WHO TO TO WHO TO?
HE... HE'S DAID!
COVER 'IM OVER AFORE HE STINKS, BOYS!

HOT DOG, BOYS! ADVENTURE! FLYING! FIGHTING... DYING! WE'VE GOT TO STOP THAT REVOLUTION! WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHERE IT WILL BE... OFF TO PANAZONIA...
CONTACT! CONTACT!
OOP! MISSED!

HAWKAW!
BLAST IT ALL! I SAY, FELLOWS! WAIT UP! WAIT TILL I WIND MY RUBBER BAND!
HMS PINAFORE

OVER LAND OVER SEA... WE FIGHT FOR DOE-RE-MI... FOR WE'RE BLACK AND BLUE HAWKS...
SWEET ADALINE, MY ADALINE...
HEY! WHO'S SINGING THE WRONG SONG OVER THE INTERCOM?

WHOEVER DID THAT SINGING GETS EXTRA K.P.!
PANAZONIA AHEAD! FORWARD LAND!
SPLASH!
OOP!
VROOOOM

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THE TERRAIN BELOW! THINK WE CAN LAND?
US BLACK AND BLUE HAWKS CAN LAND ANYWHERE! BESIDES I DON'T SEE NO TERRAIN! YOU MEAN AN ELECTRIC TERRAIN OR A CHOO CHOO TERRAIN?

OKAY, YOU PANAZONIANS! US BLACK AND BLUE HAWKS ARE TAKING OVER!
SADDLESORE! GATHER SOME HOSTAGES AND SHOOT 'EM IF THERE'S TROUBLE!
SAURBRATTEN! YOHNSON! FOLLOW ME TO THAT WAREHOUSE! THAT MUST BE WHERE THE GUNS ARE!

EEK! ...WE'RE TOO LATE!
OY!...THE GUNS HAVE BEEN SHIPPED OUT ALREADY!
GANG!... WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHERE THIS REVOLUTION'S GOING TO BE! WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE LEADER OF THIS REVOLUTION!

WE'VE GOT TO QUESTION THIS LEADER AS TO WHERE THE REVOLUTION WILL BE!
YOU WANT US TO QUESTION THE LEADER... THE ONE WHO PROBABLY KILLED ROBESPIERRE? WE... WE CAN'T! WE CAN'T FACE THAT LEADER BECAUSE WE'D PROBABLY DO SOMETHING TERRIBLE... SOMETHING HORRIBLE! DON'T SEND US TO QUESTION THAT LEADER!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO BOYS! I'M RIGHT HERE!

SHE'S THE LEADER?
TOOT!

AS I WAS SAYING, I'LL QUESTION HER!
I VOLUNTEER TO ASK QUESTIONS!
I'M THE OFFICIAL QUESTIONER!
I'M THE BEST OF ALL!

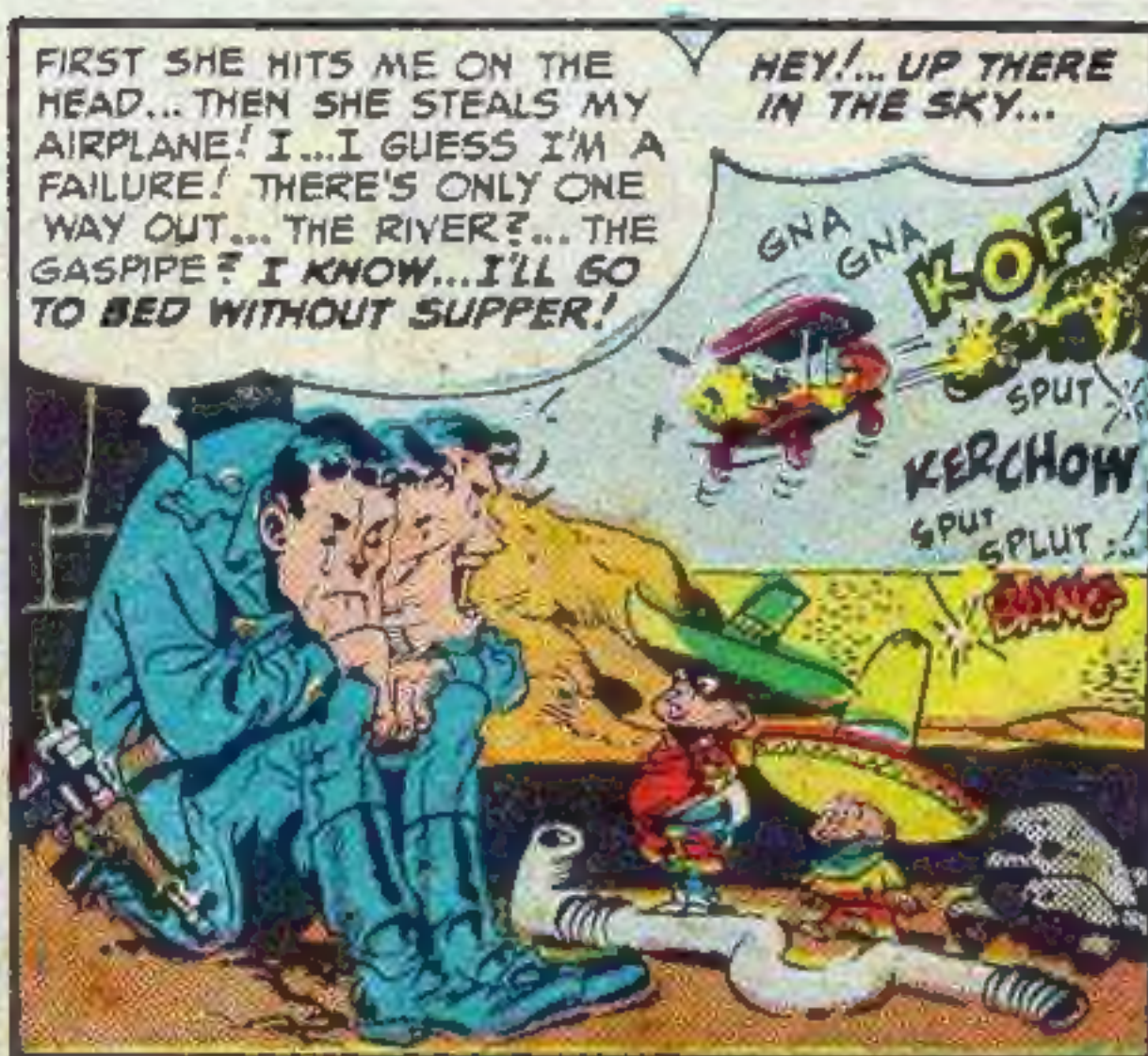
I'M THE BOSS OF THE BLACK AND BLUE HAWKS!... I QUESTION! I FURTHER COMMAND YOU ALL TO SCRAM BACK TO BLACK AND BLUE HAWK ISLAND!
THAT'S AN ORDER!
...FIRST QUESTION! WHAT'S YOUR PHONE NUMBER, DUMPLING?

OKAY, BABE! NOW TALK! WHEREZAT REVOLUTION GONNA BE?
COME CLOSER, HAWK HONEY! I CAN'T HEAR A WORD YOU'RE SAYING!
HAH! SHE'S TRYING TO WIN ME OVER! I'LL STRING HER ALONG A SECOND!

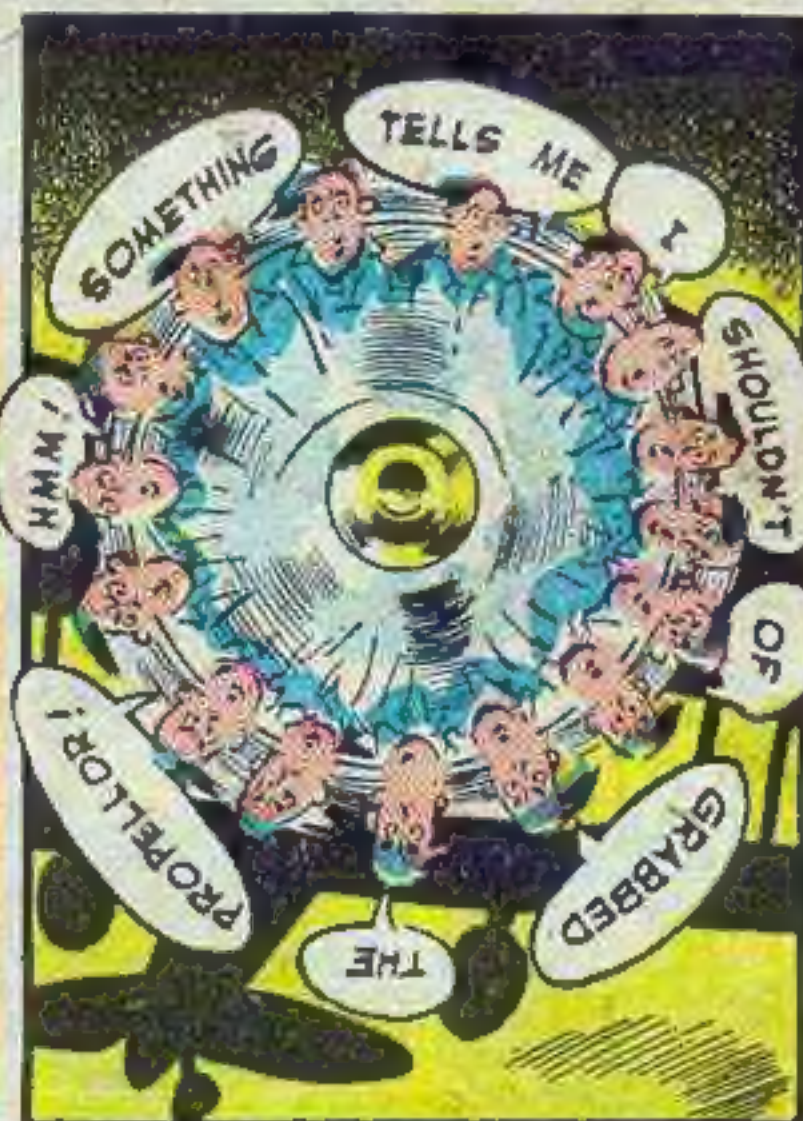
LISTEN, HAWK! YOU AND I COULD MAKE A GREAT TEAM! ALL THOSE OTHER BLACK AND BLUE HAWKS ARE BUMS... BUT YOU.. YOUR UNIFORM... YOUR BOOTS... SOMEHOW, YOU'RE DIFFERENT!
I'LL JUST STRING HER ALONG FIVE MORE MINUTES!

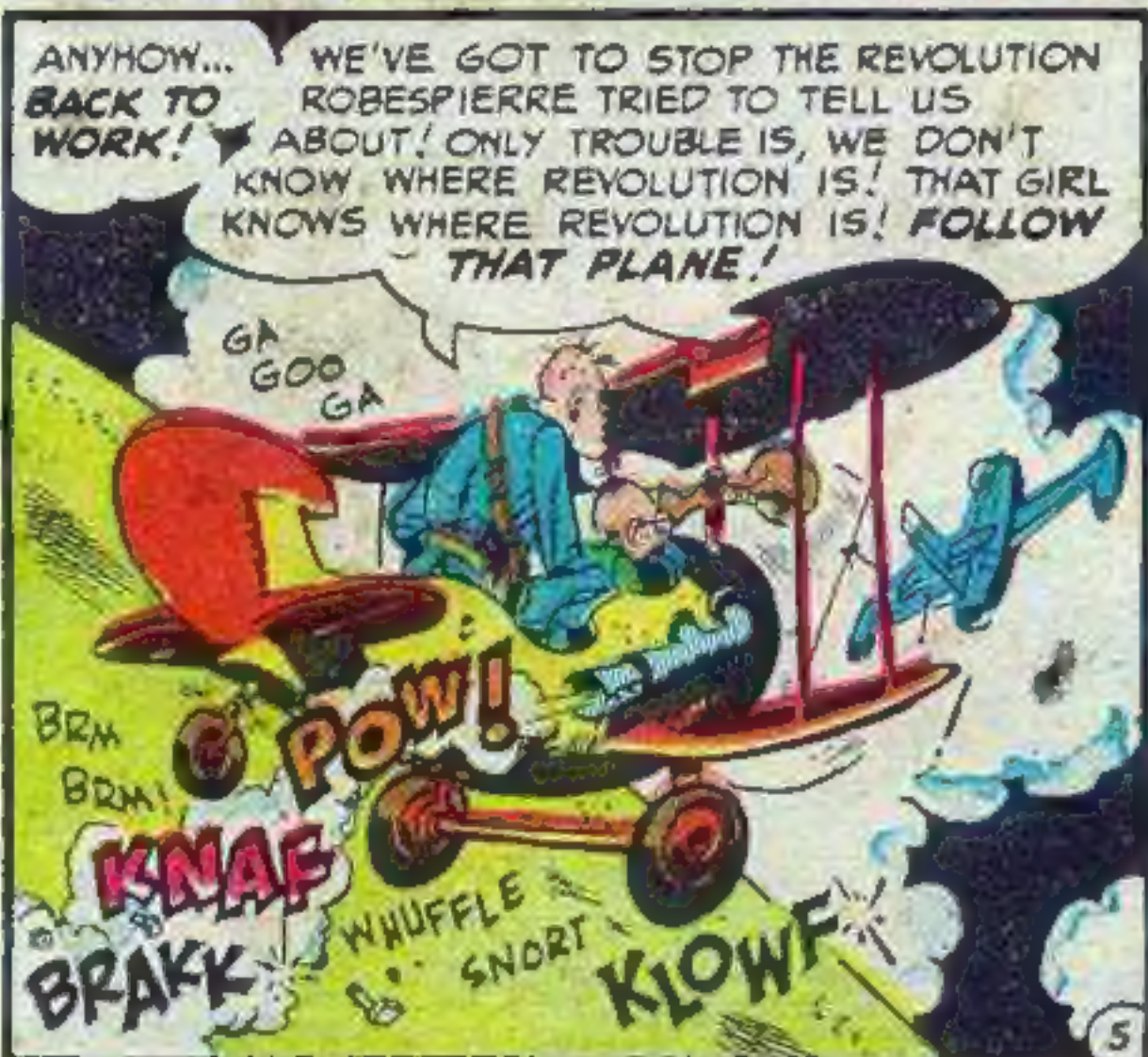
C'MON HAWK! LEMME BE YOUR GIRL FRIEND! GIMME YOUR FRATERNITY PIN! I KNOW YOU DON'T LOVE ME NOW, BUT I'M SURE THAT IN TIME I WILL MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON YOU... A VERY BIG IMPRESSION!
ONE MORE HOUR JUST, I'LL STRING HER ALONG!

OKAY, BABE! ENOUGH STALLING.... TALK! WHERE'S THAT REVOLUTION GONNA BE? CAHMON! YOUR GOOD LOOKS DON'T FOOL ME ONE BIT!
'BYE!
FOOSH
CHOIP CHOIP

FIRST SHE HITS ME ON THE HEAD... THEN SHE STEALS MY AIRPLANE! I...I GUESS I'M A FAILURE! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUT... THE RIVER?... THE GASPIPE? I KNOW...I'LL GO TO BED WITHOUT SUPPER!
HEY!... UP THERE IN THE SKY...
GNA GNA
KOF
SPUT
KERCHOW
SPUT SPLUT

IT'S GOOD OLD, GREAT OLD, GOOD OLD GREAT...GOOD...CHOP CHOP CHOP!... I'LL JUST GRAB ONTO THE PLANE AS SHE GOES BY, LIKE US BLACK AND BLUE HAWKS USUALLY DO!

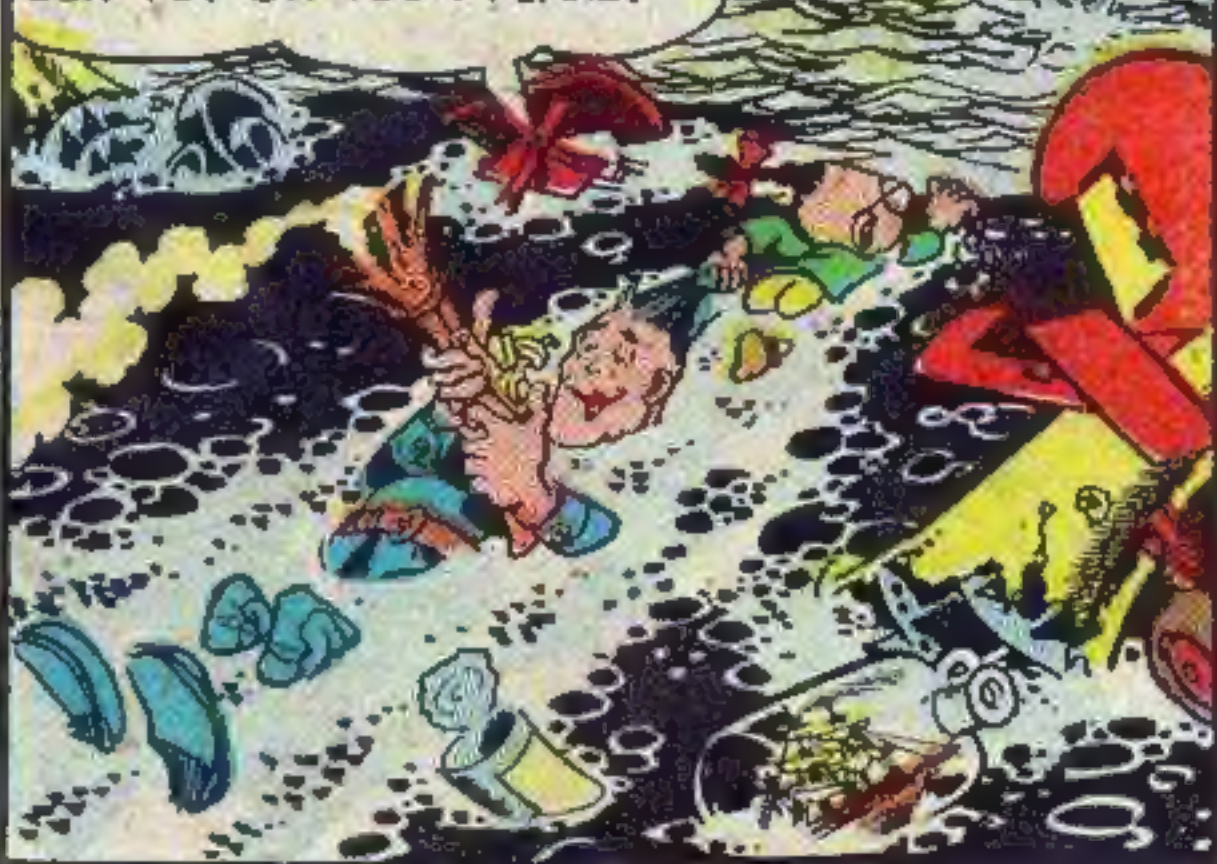
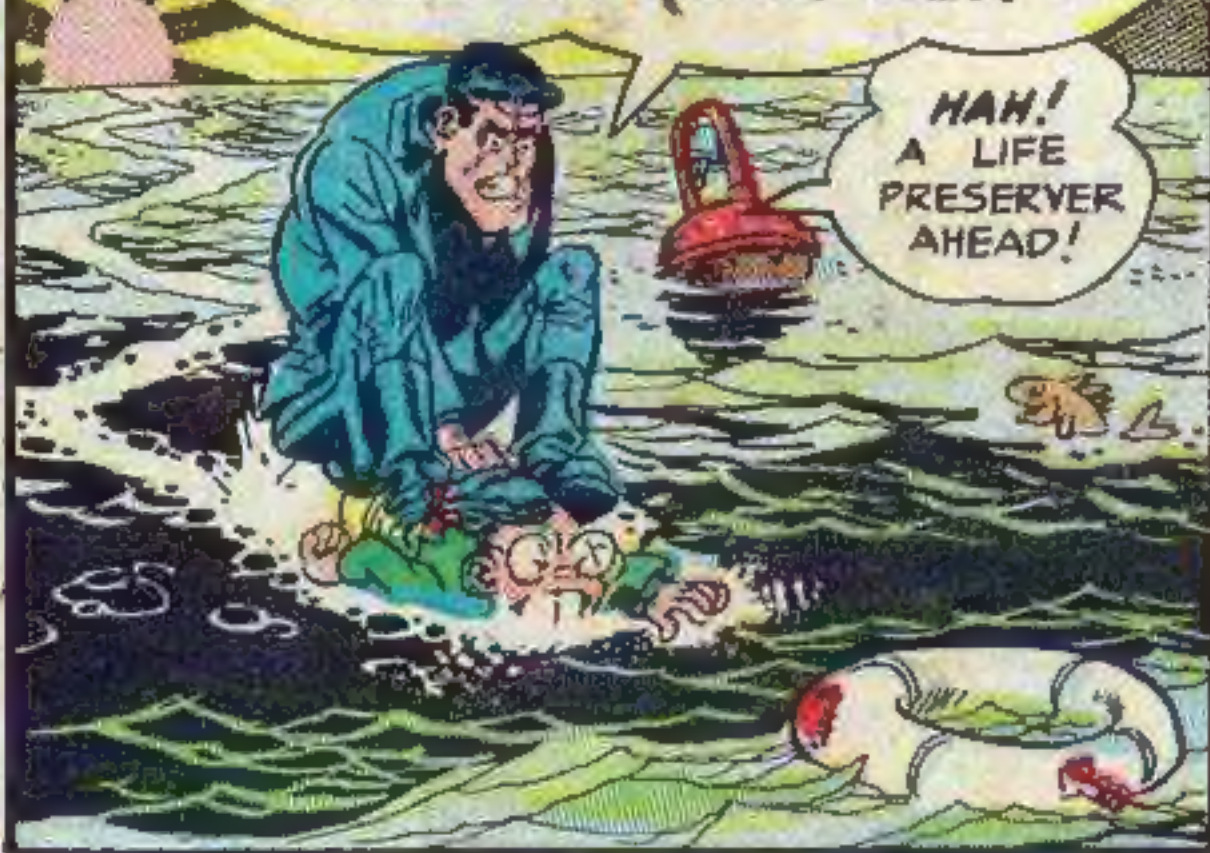
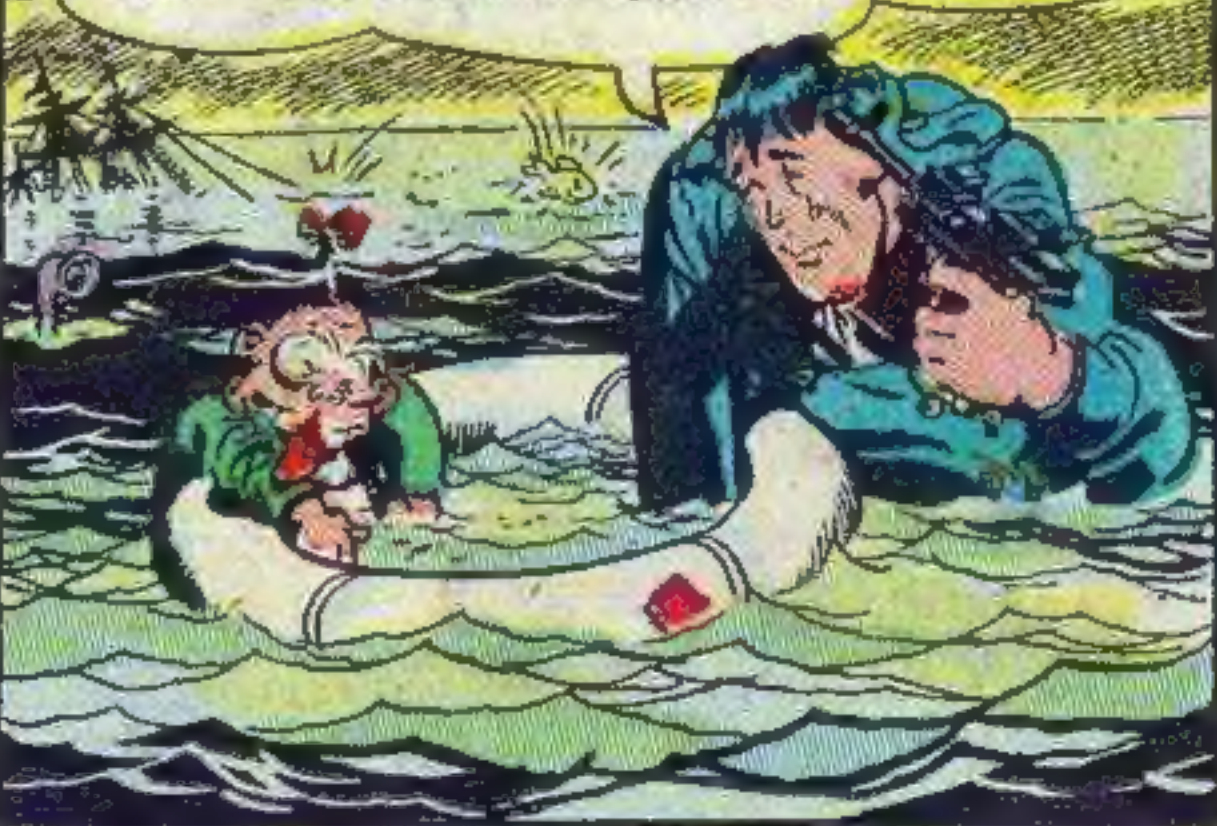
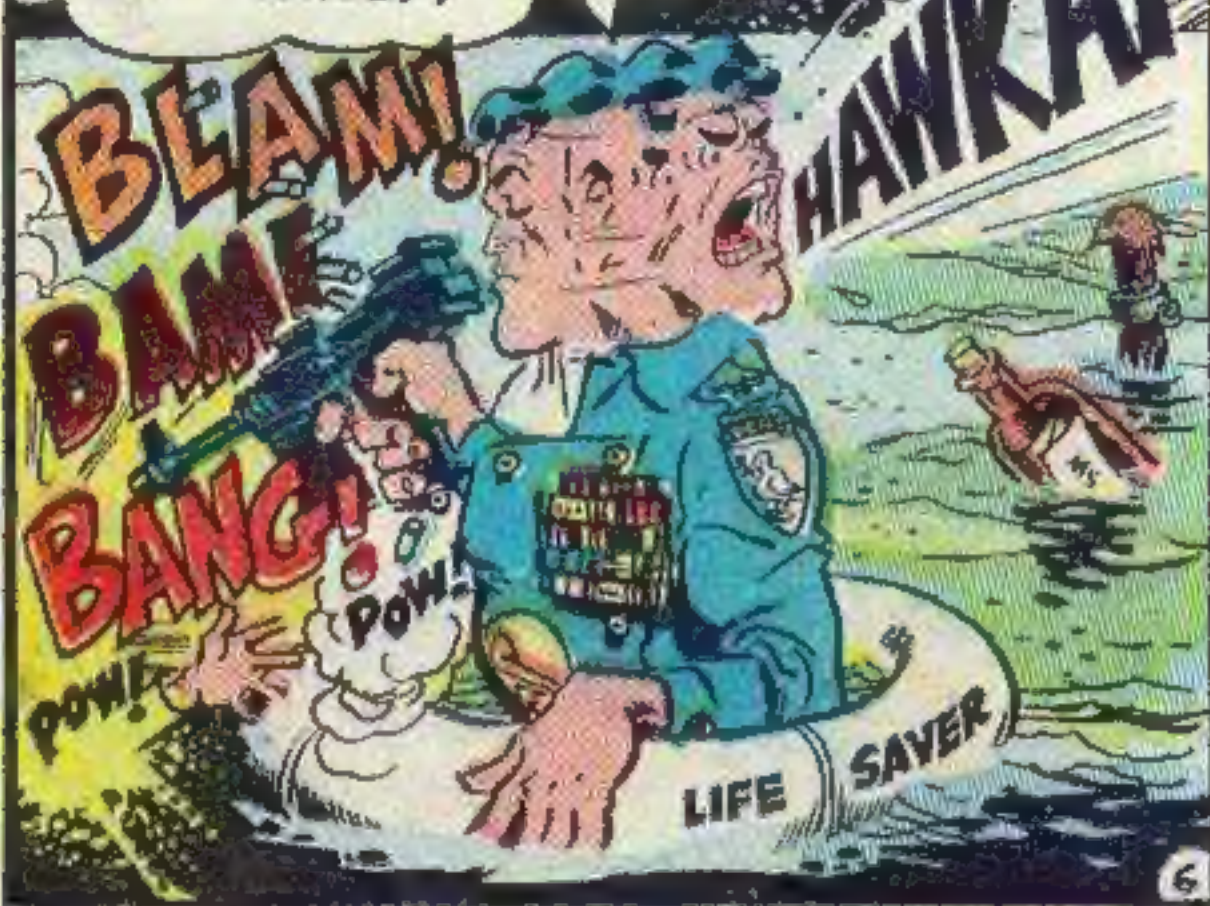
HMM!
SOMETHING
TELLS ME
I
SHOULDN'T
OF
GRABBED
THE
PROPELLOR!

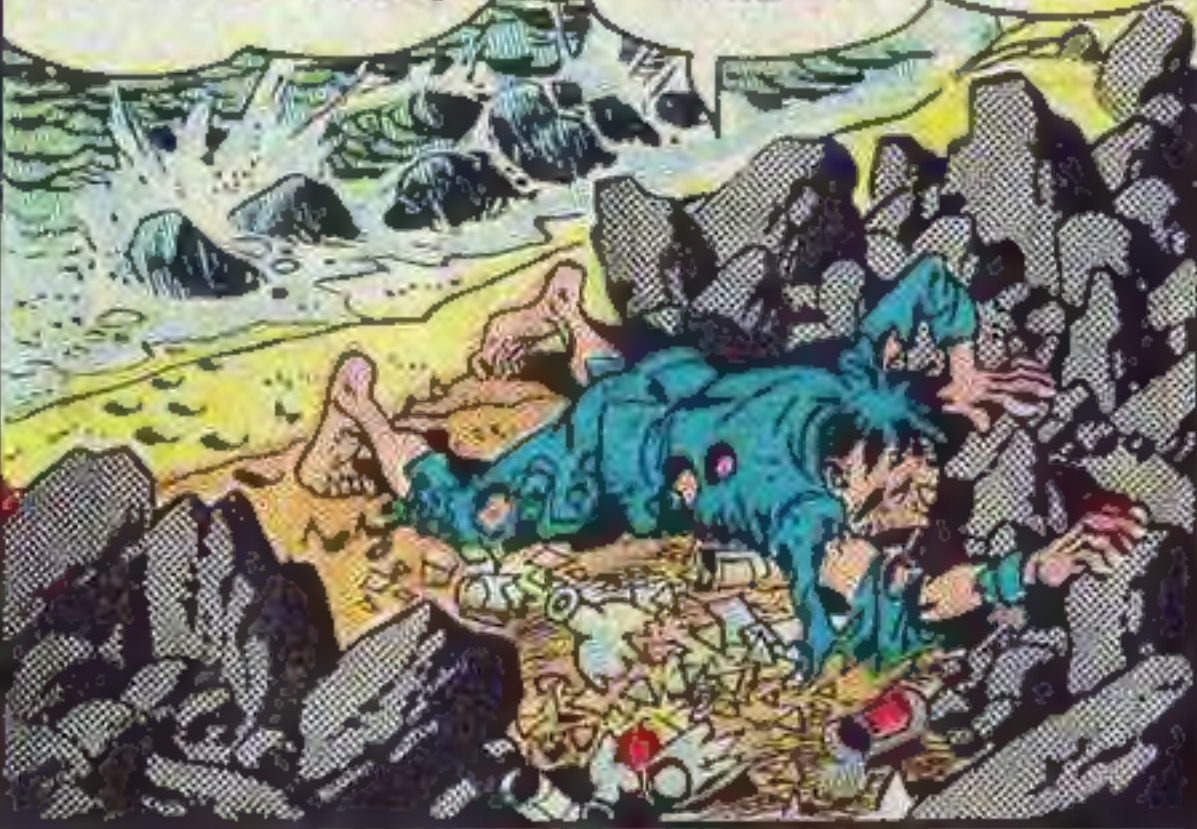
OUCH!
OW!
BLAST IT, CHOP CHOP CHOP..
STOP TRYING TO GRAB ME BY THE HAIR!
SPUT
SNORK
BR-RUP
KORTCH
BURP!

PHEW! FINALLY MADE IT BACK TO THE COCKPIT! GOOD WORK, CHOP CHOP CHOP! I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET A THREE DAY PASS FOR THIS!
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS
BR-RUP!
TRRRRRRRRRRrrrr

ANYHOW... BACK TO WORK!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP THE REVOLUTION ROBESPIERRE TRIED TO TELL US ABOUT! ONLY TROUBLE IS, WE DON'T KNOW WHERE REVOLUTION IS! THAT GIRL KNOWS WHERE REVOLUTION IS! FOLLOW THAT PLANE!
GA GOO GA
BRM BRM
POW!
KNAF
BRAKK
WHUFFLE
SNORT
KLOWF

WE'VE GOT TO CATCH THAT WOMAN! OF COURSE BEING A BLACK AND BLUE HAWK... ONE MUST BE A PERFECT GENTLEMAN AT ALL TIMES, ESPECIALLY WITH A WOMAN!
BUT THIS TIME IS DIFFERENT! STAND BACK WHILE I BLAST 'ER!

I SAY, CHOP, CHOP CHOP! DIDN'T WE EVER GET AROUND TO GIVING YOU A BLACK AND BLUE HAWK AIRPLANE JET, M-1, YET?
OKAY! STAND BACK NOW! THIS GUN IS READY... AIM... FIRE!

BA DA BALOWM!

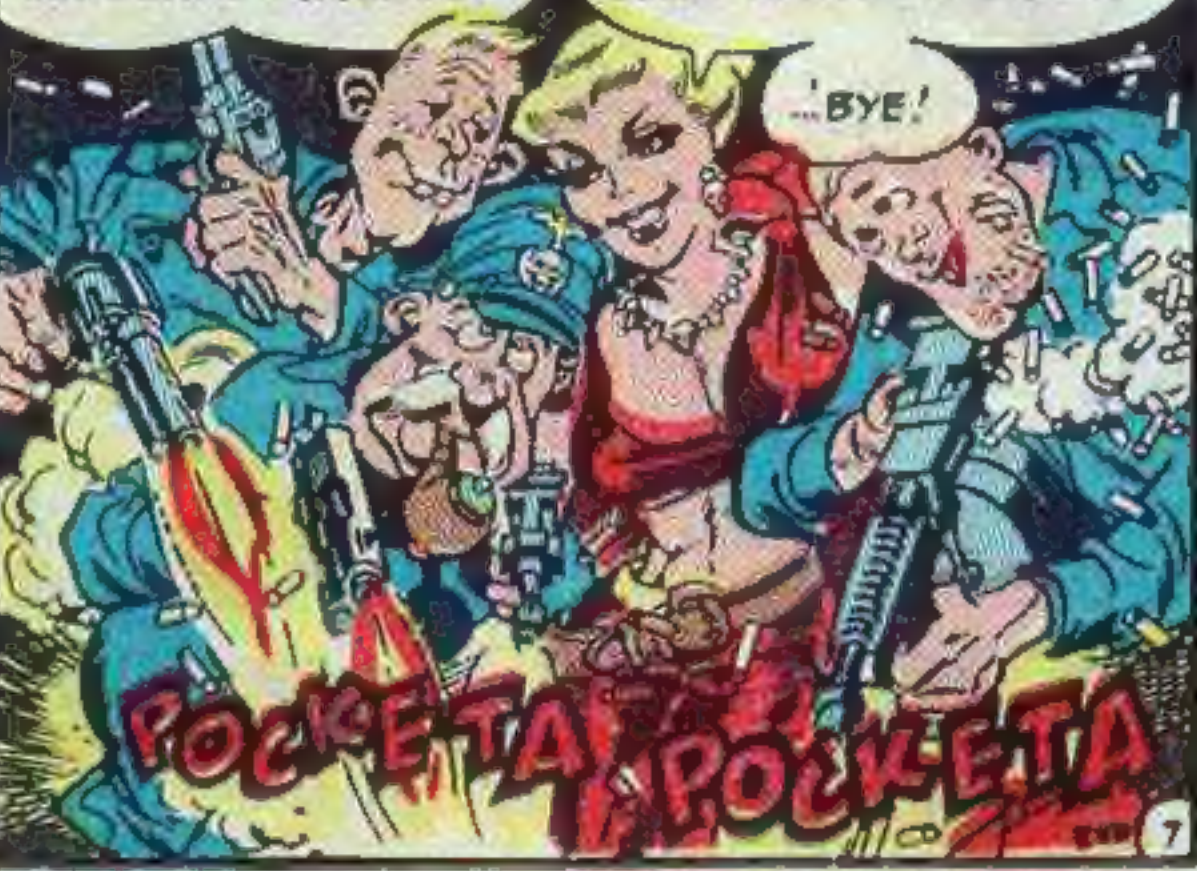
GOOD OL', GREAT OL' CHOP CHOP CHOP! I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET A FOUR DAY PASS! REMIND ME TO HAVE A NEWER TYPE MACHINE-GUN PUT ON YOUR PLANE!

WE'RE LOST OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN! BUT WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHERE THAT REVOLUTION WILL BE! CAREFUL, YOU DUMKOPFF! YOU'RE GETTING MY BOOTS WET!
HAH! A LIFE PRESERVER AHEAD!

SNIFF! THIS LIFE PRESERVER IS ONLY BIG ENOUGH FOR ONE OF US! SNIFF, SNIFF!... A BLACK AND BLUE HAWK IS TRAINED TO BE UNSELFISH... SNIFF... TO GO WITHOUT... SNIFF... IN ORDER THAT OTHERS MAY HAVE... SNIFF SNIFF... THAT IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE... SNARF...

SO I'M GIVING YOU THE WORKS, CHOP OLD MAN! AFTER ALL... WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME... LATELY?
BLAM!
BAM!
BANG!
HAWKAA
POW!
POW!
LIFE SAVER

GASP!... I'VE BEEN DRIFTING FOR DAYS!... GASP!... NOW I'LL NEVER KNOW WHERE THAT REVO-LUTION WILL BE! GASP!
I HAVE A FEELING I WON'T LAST ANOTHER DAY!... GASP! IT'S TOO BEAUTIFUL A DAY TO D...D...DIE!... GASP! WHAT A VIEW!... GASP! A BEAUTIFUL SPARKLING SEA, LOVELY BLUE SKY FLECKED WITH FLEECY WHITE CLOUDS, AND A TINY TROPICAL ISLAND RAISING ITS HEAD ON THE HORIZON!
AN ISLAND?

I MADE IT! I MADE IT TO THIS ISLAND! YAY!
UGH!... BUT I'M WEAK! I-I'M GETTING WEAKER! MY STRENGTH IS GOING FAST!... WHAT I NEED TO BRING MY STRENGTH BACK IS FOOD... WATER...

...WATER... FOOD... FOOD... WATER! GOTTA GET STRENGTH BACK... JUST NEED SOME WATER... FOOD... WATER...
HUH!

HAWKAA
KLIK!

SIMMER DOWN, BOY! IT'S ONLY ME AGAIN!
DON'T GET EXCITED JUST BECAUSE YOU SEE THIS GUN!

WAIT! BEFORE YOU KILL ME... WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME ONE THING! WHERE, OH WHERE, ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE THAT REVOLUTION ROBESPIERRE TRIED TO TELL US ABOUT? WHERE? WHERE WHERE? WHERE?

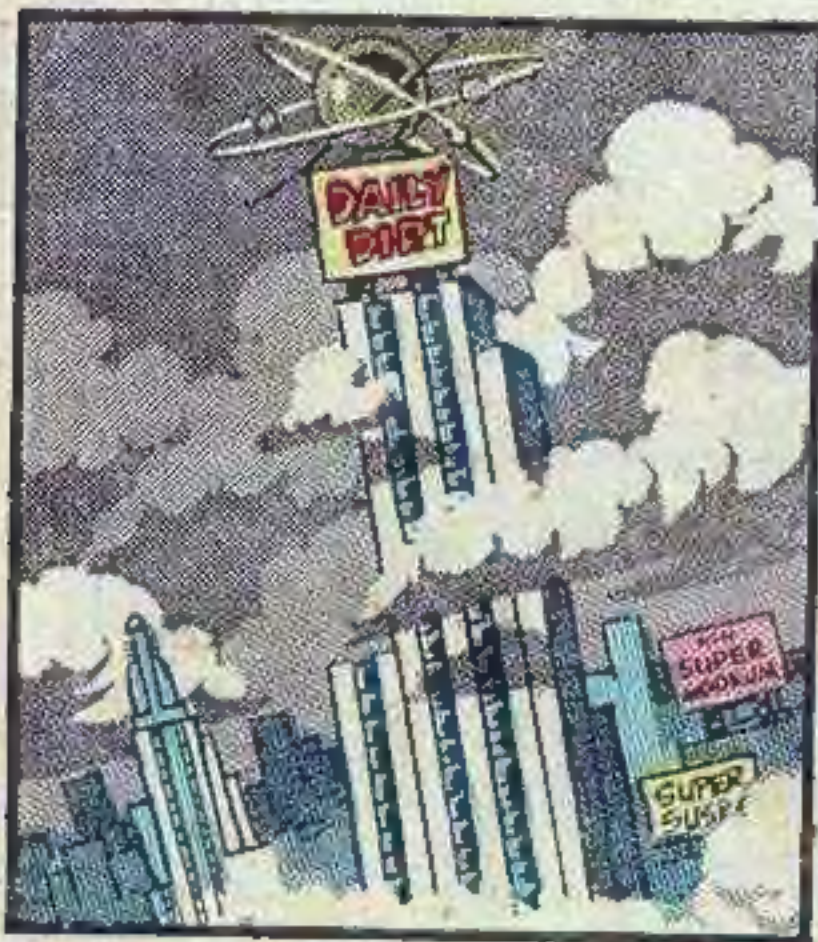
WELL, I'LL TELL YOU, HAWK HONEY! IT WAS RIGHT HERE! AND THE REVOLUTION WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS!
...OH YES! IN CASE YOU DIDN'T RECOGNIZE IT... THIS PLACE GOES BY NAME OF BLACK AND BLUE HAWK ISLAND!
...BYE!
POCKETA POCKETA

HERO WORSHIP DEPT.: FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET! *KA-PWEENG!* MORE POWERFUL THAN A LOCOMOTIVE! ... *CHUGACHUGACHUGA CHUG!* ABLE TO LEAP TALL BUILDINGS IN A SINGLE BOUND!... *BOINNGSWOOOSH!*... *LOOK!... UP IN THE SKY!... IT'S A BIRD!... IT'S A PLANE!... IT'S...*

SUPERDUPERMAN!

WHEN BETTER DRAWINGS ARE DRAWN... THEY'LL BE DRAWN BY WOOD. HE'S REAL GONE
ADVERTISEMENT
POST NO BILLS
POST NO BILLS
MAD IS CRAZY, MAN!
POST NO BILLS
E.C. FOR ME, SEE?
SUPER
SUPER CRUNCHIES
NEW SUPER SOAP
GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

OUR STORY BEGINS HIGH UP IN THE OFFICES OF THAT FIGHTING NEWSPAPER, 'THE DAILY DIRT'!

AN INCREDIBLY MISERABLE AND EMACIATED LOOKING FIGURE SHUFFLES FROM SPITOON TO SPITOON!

FOR THIS IS THE ASSISTANT TO THE COPY BOY... CLARK BENT, WHO IS IN REALITY, ***SUPERDUPERMAN!***

LITTLE DO THOSE LADIES IN THE POWDER ROOM ACROSS THE HALL KNOW THAT I AM IN REALITY SUPERDUPERMAN, FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET... KAPWEENG... WITH LI'L OL' X-RAY VISION!
ASSISTANT COPY BOY!
WESTBANK PIGLET

COMING, SIR! ON THE DOUBLE, SIR! CLARK BENT, ASSISTANT TO THE COPY BOY, ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR, SIR!
KOF
KOF
KOF

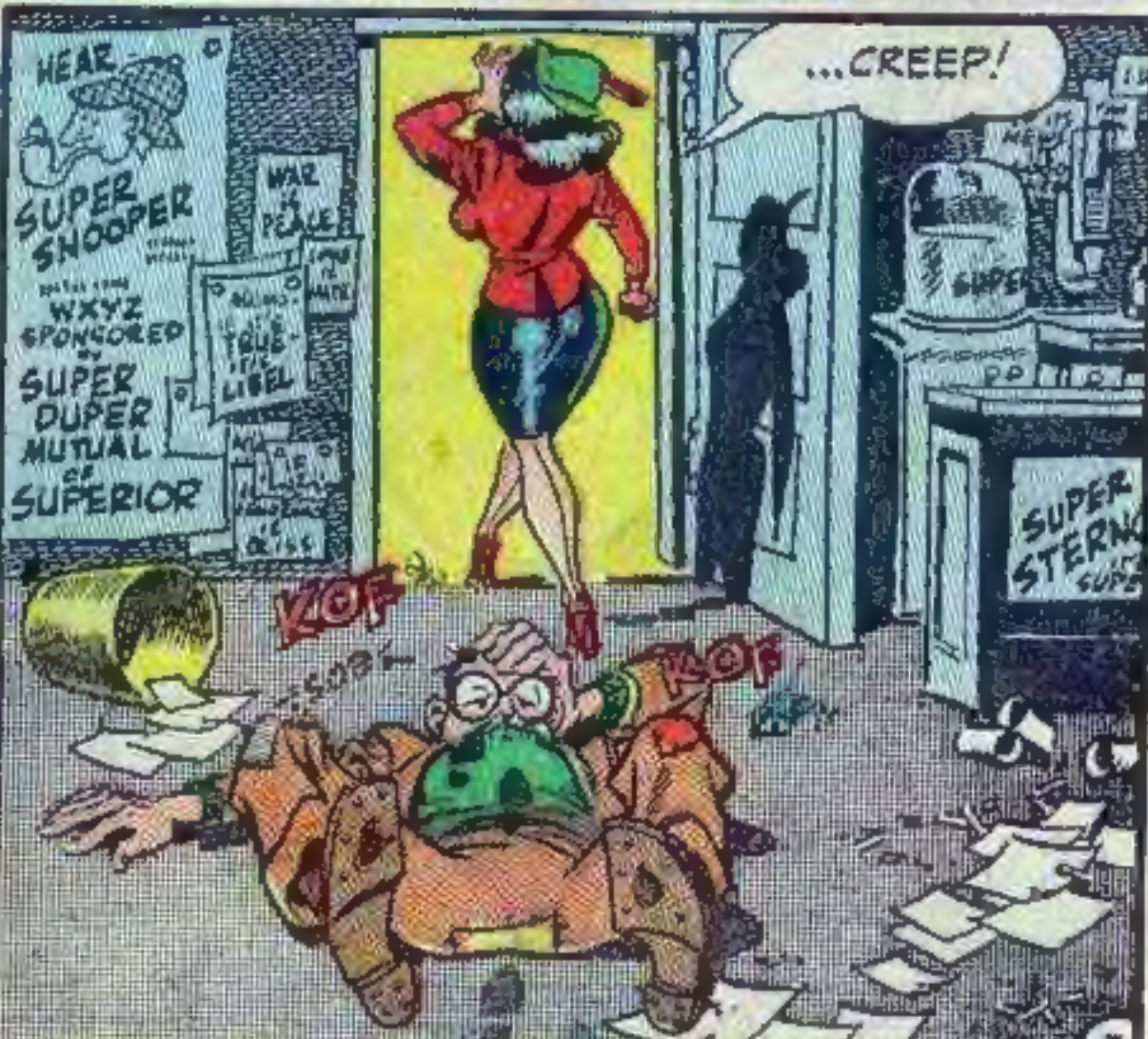
BLAST IT ALL, MAN! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU TO SALUTE WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND!

SODDY, YOU MISERABLE OL' WRETCH! LOST MY TEMPER! COPY BOY WORK DOES THINGS TO A MAN!... COME ON! SNAP TO! COME ON, BOY!
JOHN J. MUNZELMEYER
KOF
KOF
SMEK SMEK SMEK
KOF

I'LL TELL YOU WHY I CALLED YOU, OLD MAN! IT'S PAYROLL TIME! HERE ARE YOUR WEEK'S WAGES! SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS, AND A GOOD BUS TOKEN! SPEND IT WISELY! ... DISMISSED!
KOF
KOF
KOF
KOF
KOF
KOF GASP KOFF

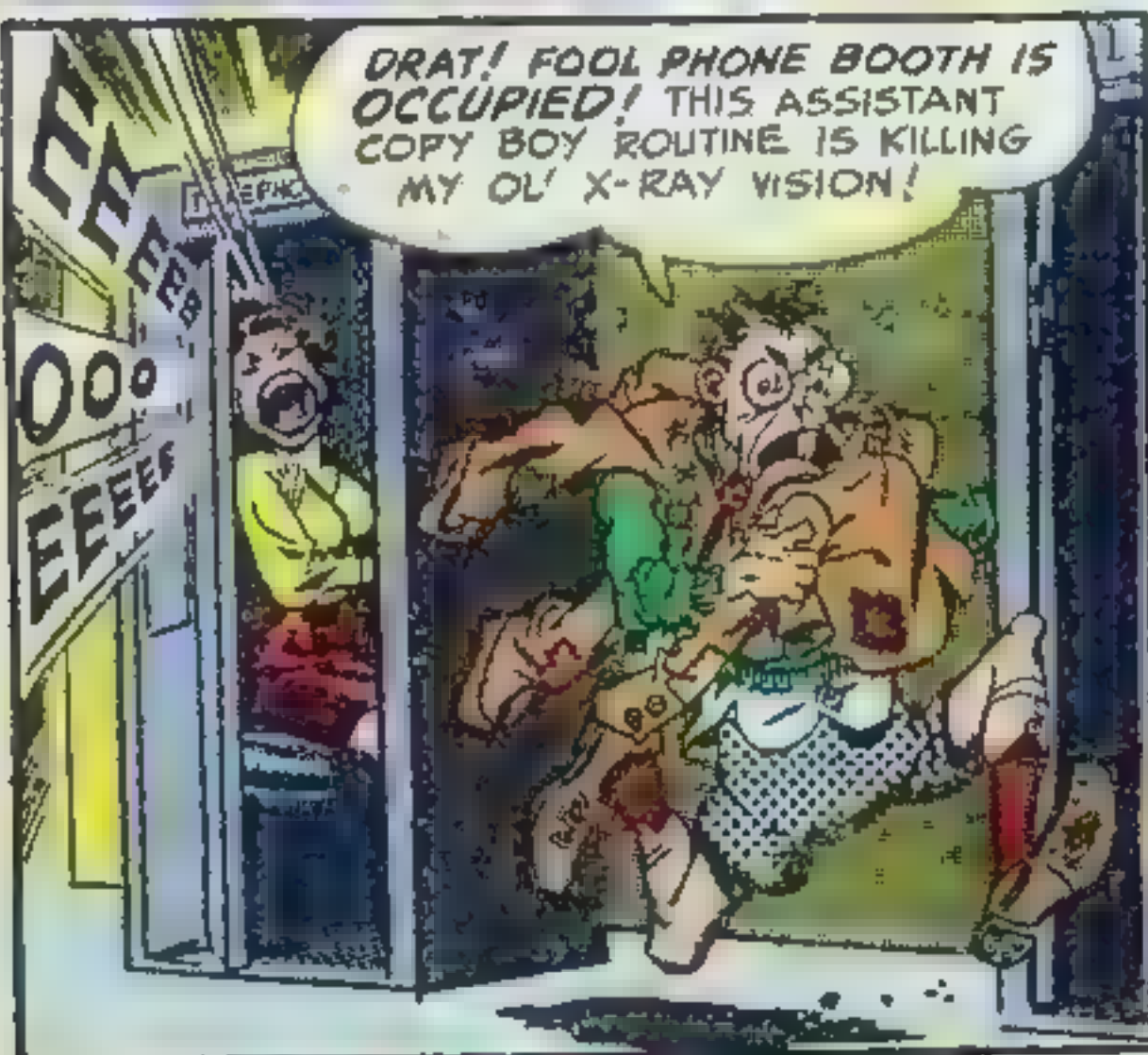
SEVENTY-FIVE WHOLE CENTS! AT LAST! AFTER SCRIMPING AND SAVING MY EARNINGS FOR 10 YEARS, I NOW HAVE A THOUSAND DOLLARS ... ENOUGH TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT ON THAT PEARL NECKLACE FOR LOIS PAIN, GIRL REPORTER!
HELP WANTED
KOF
KOF
KOF
KOF

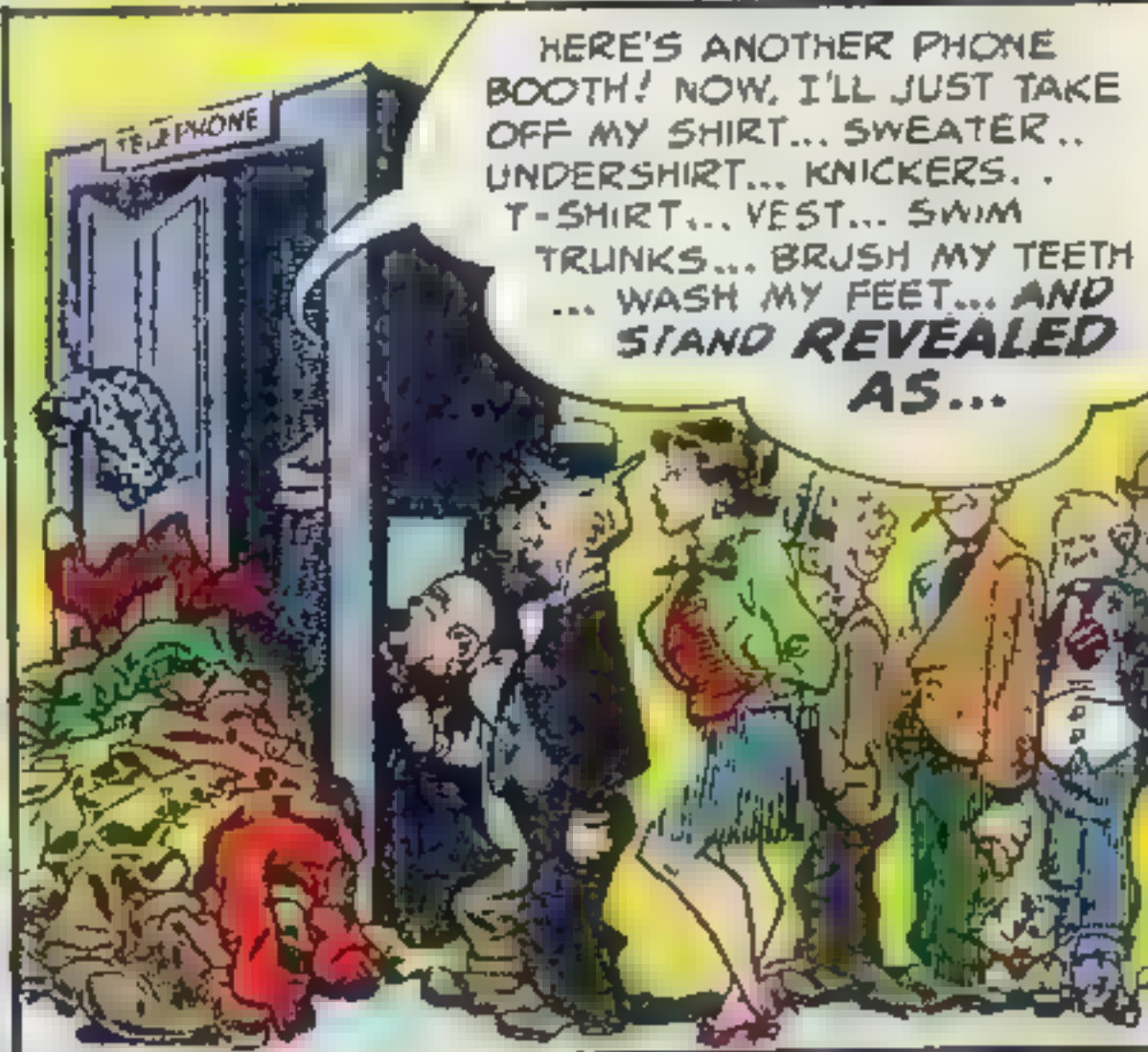
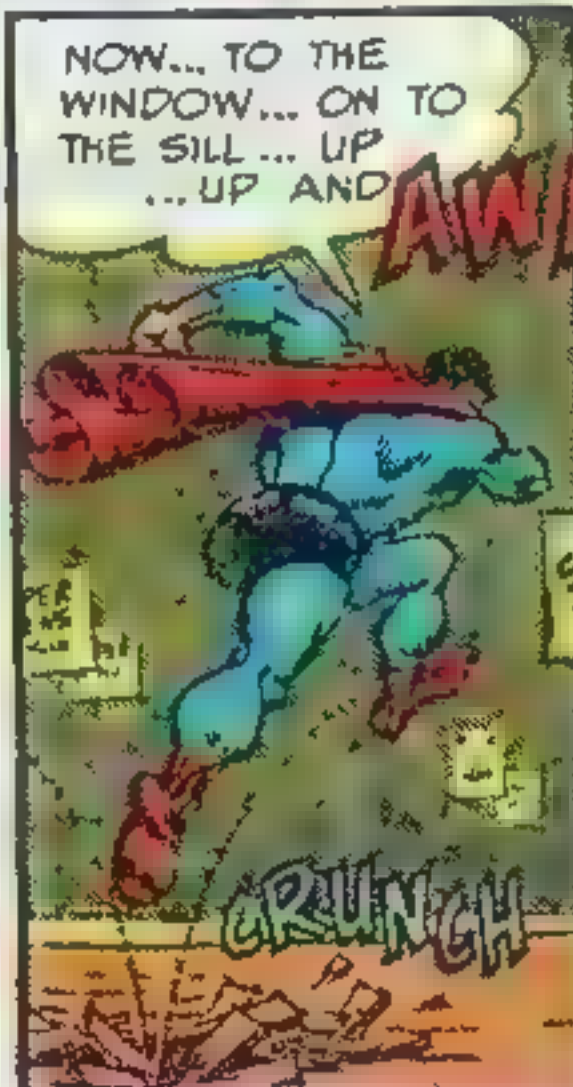
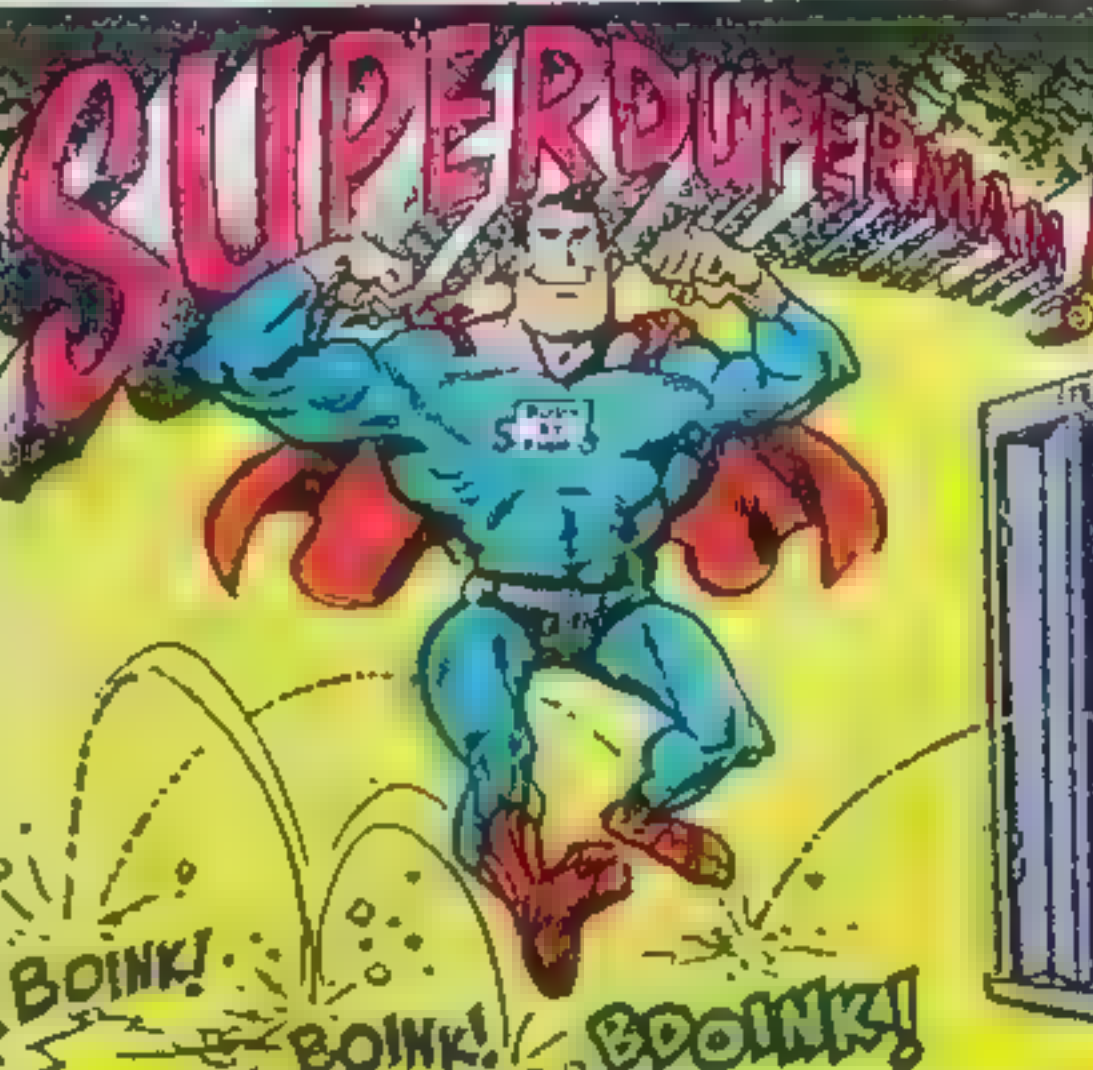
WELL... HERE I AM WITH THE PEARL NECKLACE! LOIS SAYS I'M A CREEP! HAH, BOY! IF SHE KNEW MY REAL IDENTITY, BOY, SHE WOULDN'T CALL ME A CREEP!... OOP! THERE'S LOIS AT A BIG MEETING WITH THE MANAGING EDITOR!
KOF
KOF
KOF
KOF
EDITOR
KNOCK!

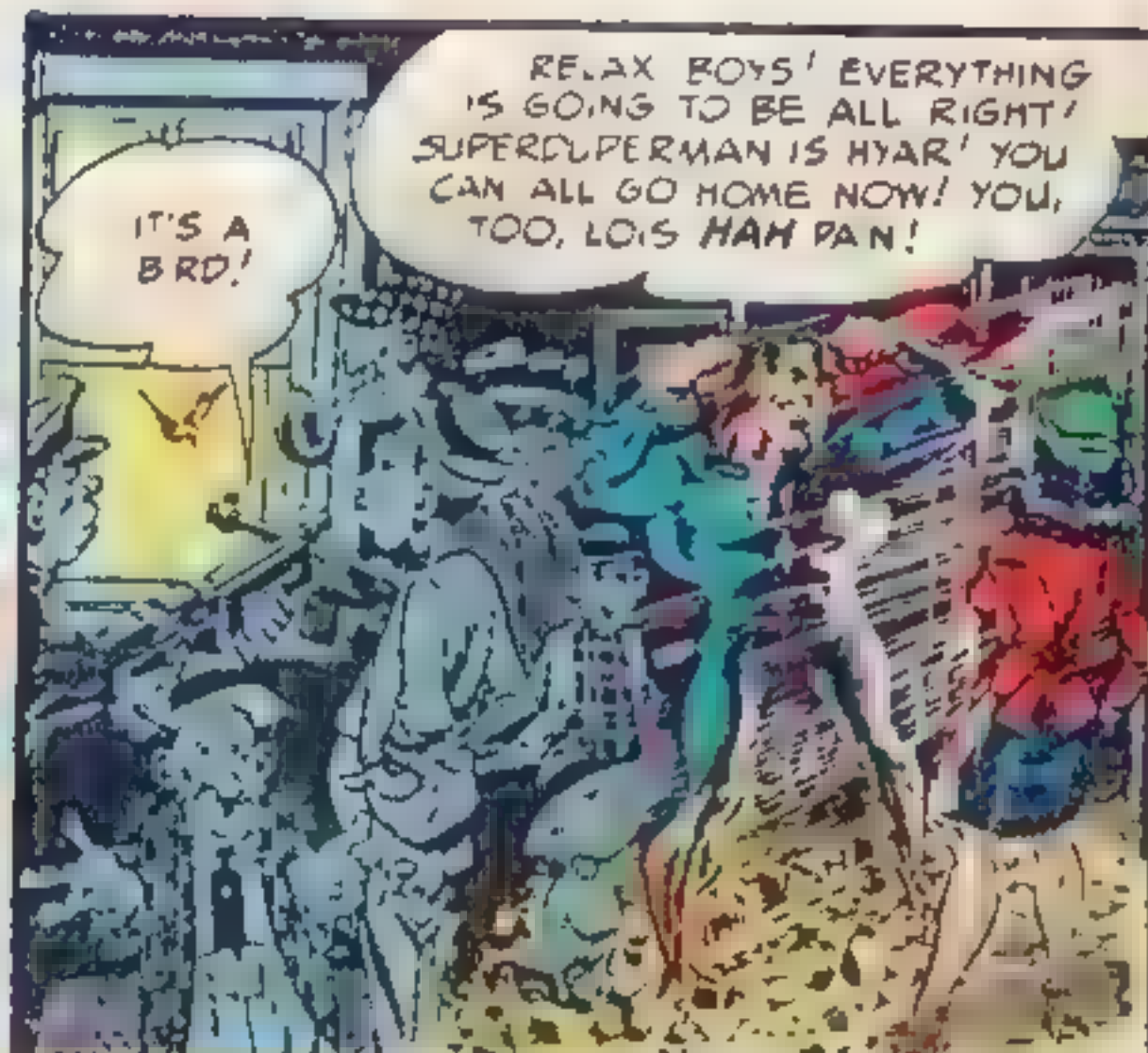
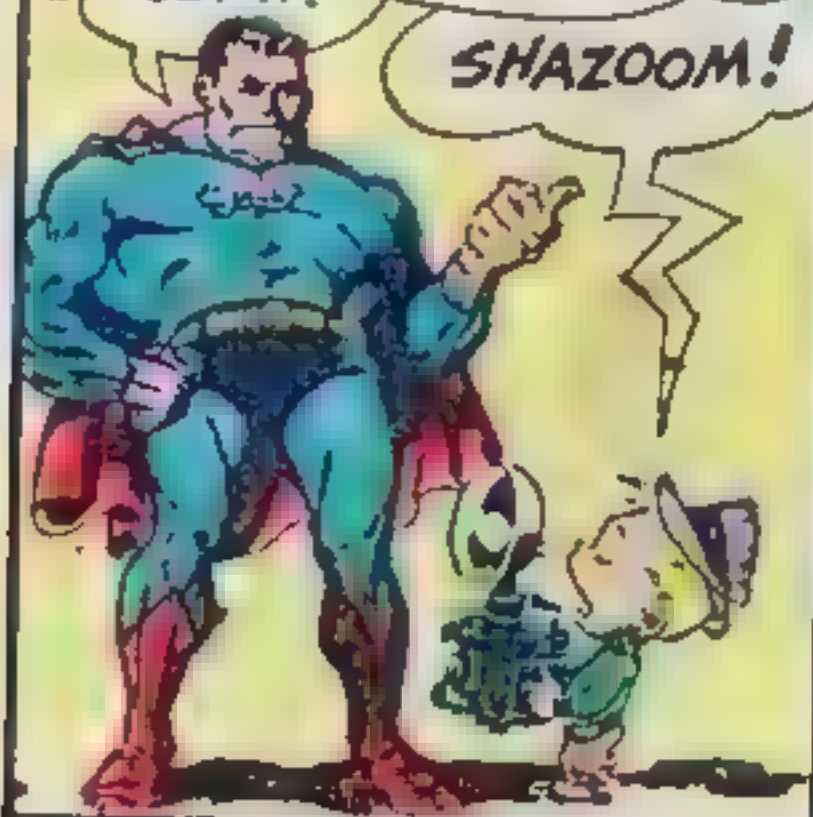
LISTEN, GANG! A BIG STORY IS ABOUT TO BREAK! THE 'UNKNOWN MONSTER' HAS BEEN TERRORIZING COSMOPOLIS FOR MONTHS, AND THE POLICE ARE HELPLESS! THIS MORNING THE D.A. GOT A LETTER FROM THE 'UNKNOWN MONSTER'!
W. TWITCHELL
TRASH
THE 'UNKNOWN MONSTER' HAS ANNOUNCED WHEN AND WHERE HE WILL STRIKE! THIS STORY IS HOT, BOY... HOT... HOT! I WANT YOU TO GO OUT THERE, GANG! I WANT YOU TO FIGHT, I WANT YOU TO DIE, FOR GOOD OL' DAILY DIRT, GANG! NOW GET THAT STORY, GANG!
PSST! LOIS!
WHATAYA WANT, YOU INCREDIBLY WRETCHED OL' CREEP!
PLEASE! PLEASE DON'T CHASE ME, PLEASE! I GOT A PRESENT FOR YOU! PLEASE!
TRASH
YAWN! ANOTHER PEARL NECKLACE! WAD DIT SET YOU BACK, CREEP?
PLEASE! PLEASE! I SPENT MY LIFE'S SAVINGS! PLEASE!
THANKS, CREEP! NOW GO AWAY, BOY! YOU BOTHER ME!
PLEASE! CAN I STAND HERE AND SMELL YOUR PERFUME FOR A MINUTE? PLEASE! PLEASE!
TWO SNIFFS IS ENOUGH! NOW GET OUT THE WAY, BOY! I'VE GOT TO GO AND GET A STORY ON THE 'UNKNOWN MONSTER' FOR GOOD OL' 'DAILY DIRT'!
PLEASE! PLEASE!
SPENCER THE CENSOR
PAF
...CREEP!
HEAR
SUPER SNOOPER
WXYZ SPONSORED
SUPER DUPER MUTUAL OF SUPERIOR
WAR PEACE
KOF
KOF
SUPER STERN

HA, BOY! SHE SHOULD ONLY KNOW I'M MORE POWERFUL THAN A LOCOMOTIVE! CHUGA-CHUGACHUG!... HAH!
KOF
KOF
KOF
KOF

THE 'UNKNOWN MONSTER,' EH! THIS IS A JOB FOR SUPER-DUPERMAN!... I'LL JUST GO INTO THIS PHONE BOOTH...

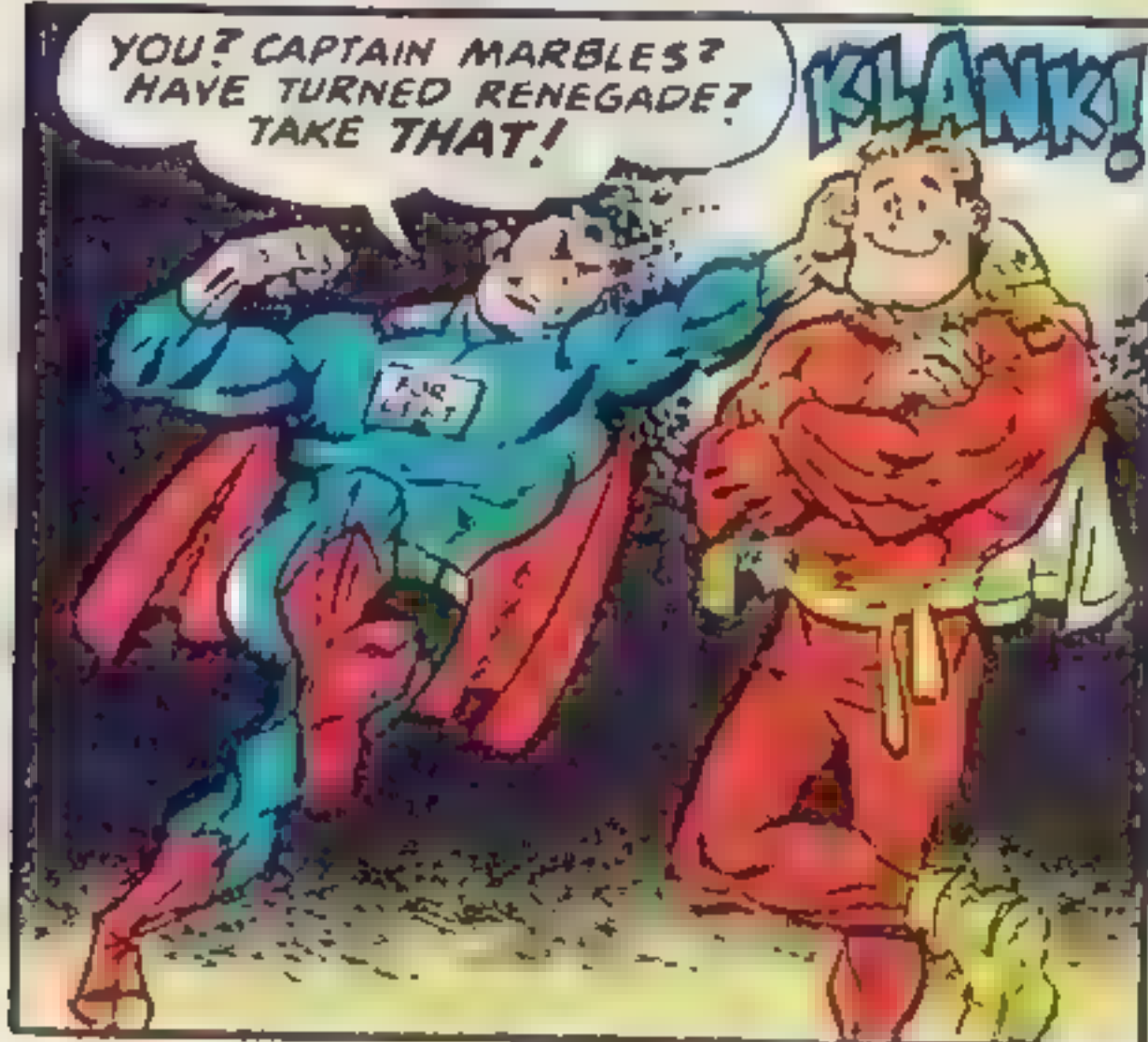
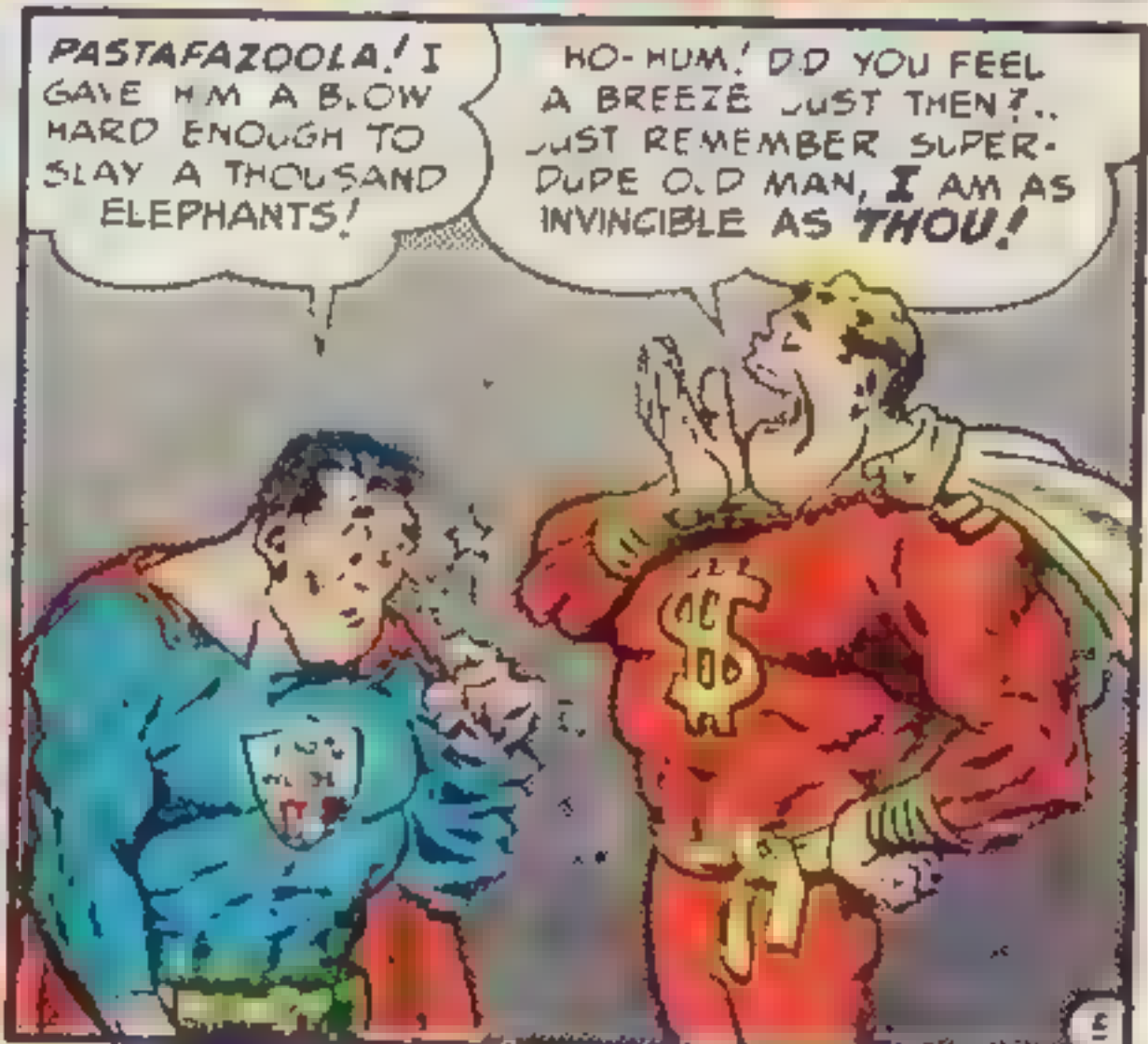
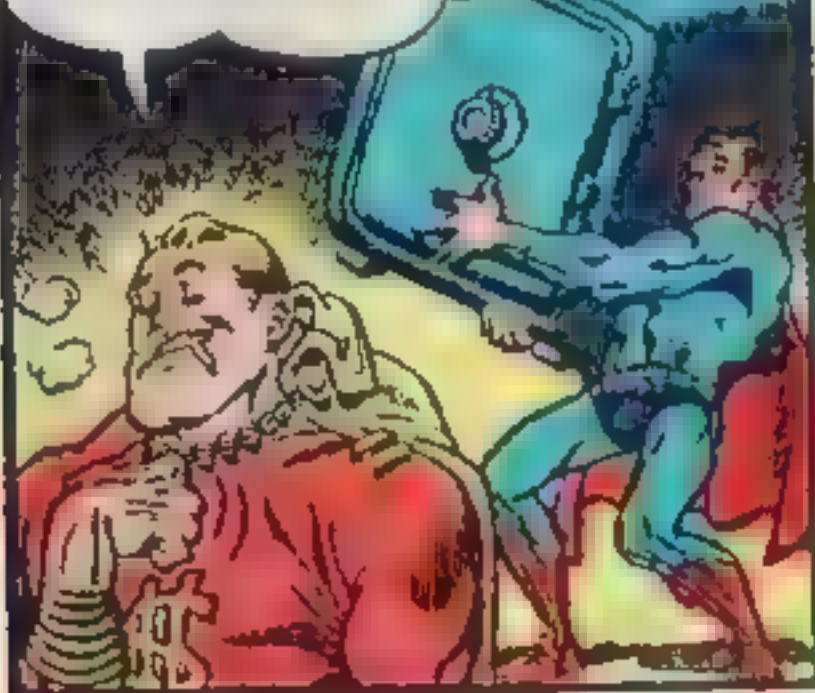
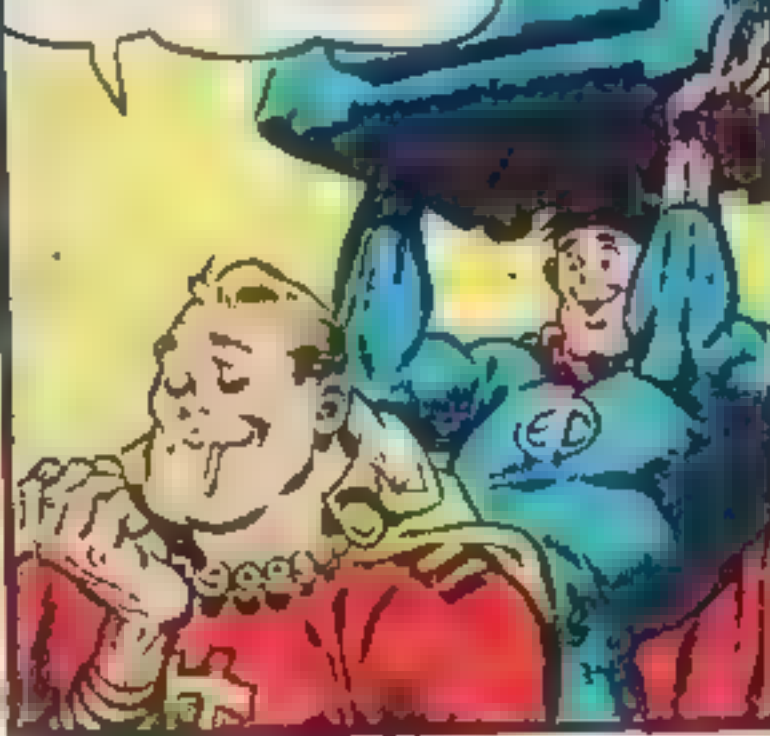
...AND CHANGE INTO MY COSTUME...
EEK!
FOR RENT

DRAT! FOOL PHONE BOOTH IS OCCUPIED! THIS ASSISTANT COPY BOY ROUTINE IS KILLING MY OL' X-RAY VISION!
EEEEOOOEEEEE

HERE'S ANOTHER PHONE BOOTH! NOW, I'LL JUST TAKE OFF MY SHIRT... SWEATER.. UNDERSHIRT... KNICKERS. . T-SHIRT... VEST... SWIM TRUNKS... BRUSH MY TEETH ... WASH MY FEET... AND STAND REVEALED AS...
TELEPHONE

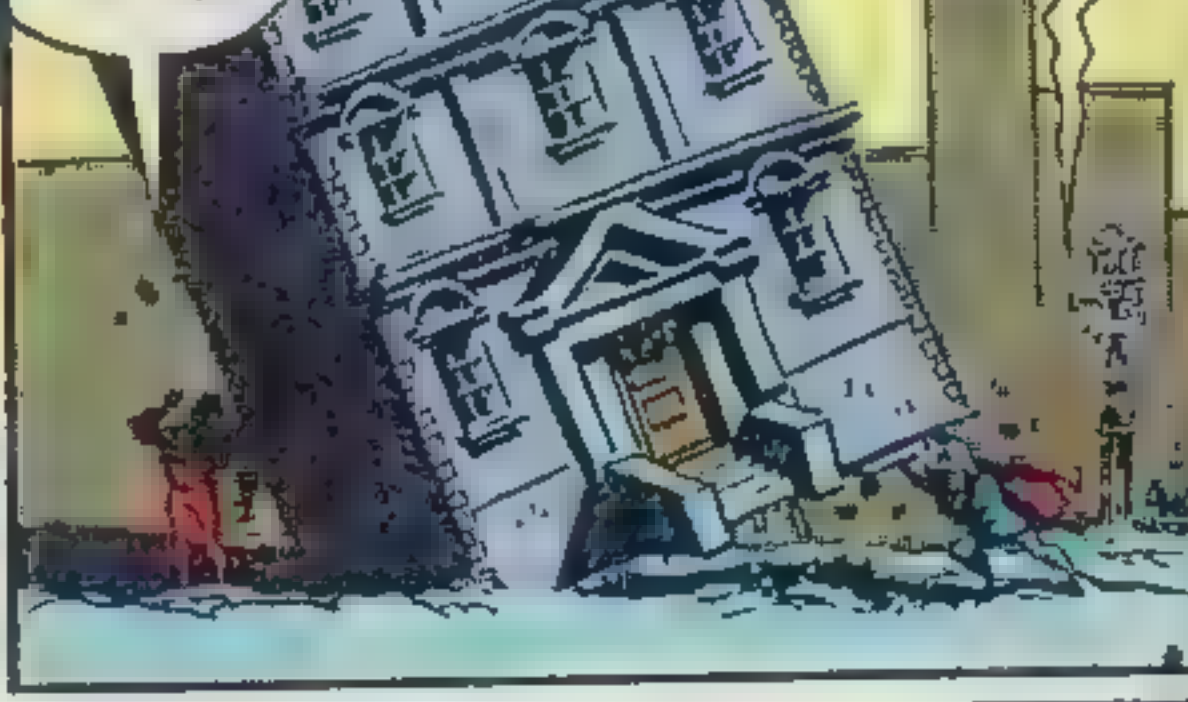
SUPERDUPERMAN!
BOINK!
BOINK!
BDOINK!

NOW... TO THE WINDOW... ON TO THE SILL ... UP ...UP AND
AWAAAAAAA
CRUNCH

CRASH!
CRUNCH

O.K., GANG! THERE'S THE SAFE THE 'UNKNOWN MONSTER' SAID HE'S GOING TO ROB IN JUST FIVE MINUTES! I WANT YOU ALL TO STAY HERE AND GET THIS STORY WHILE I GO BACK AND WATCH THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE!
LOOK! UP THERE IN THE SKY!
IT'S A BIRD!
IT'S A PLANE!

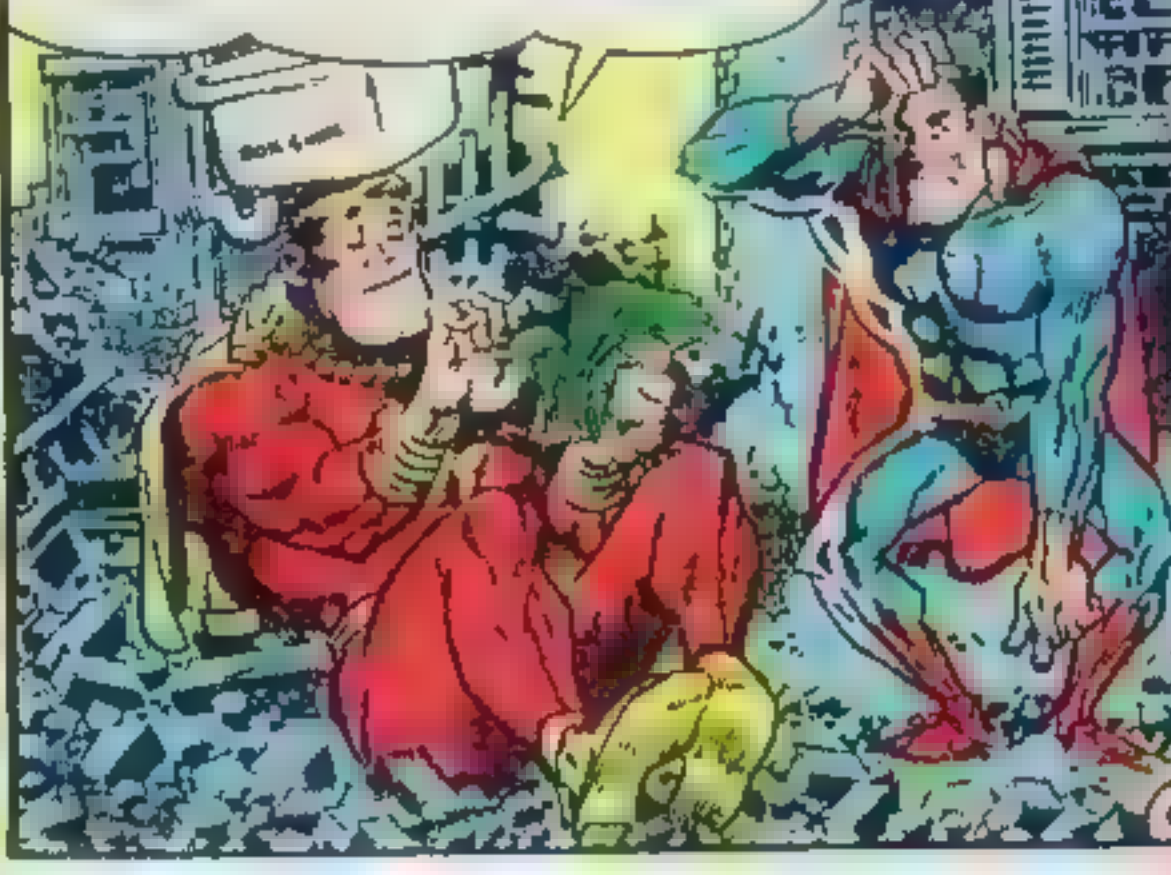
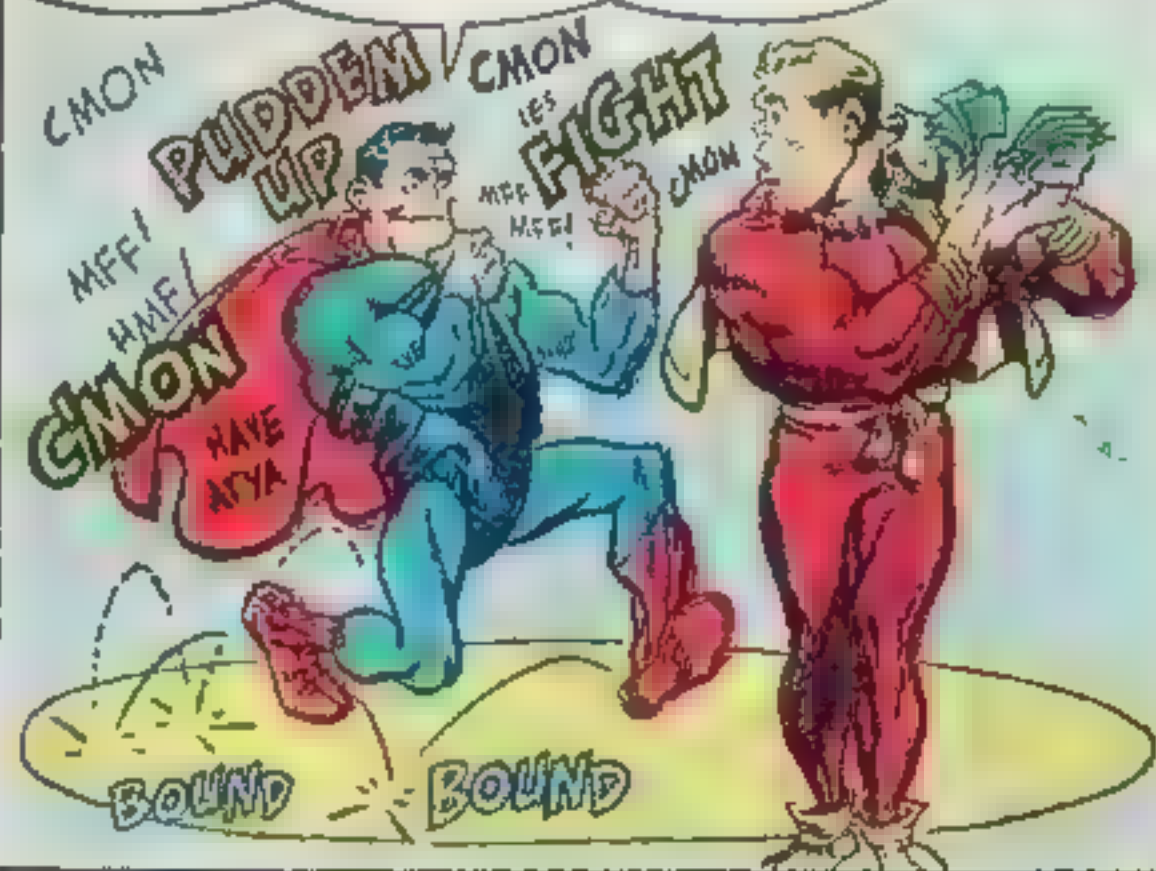
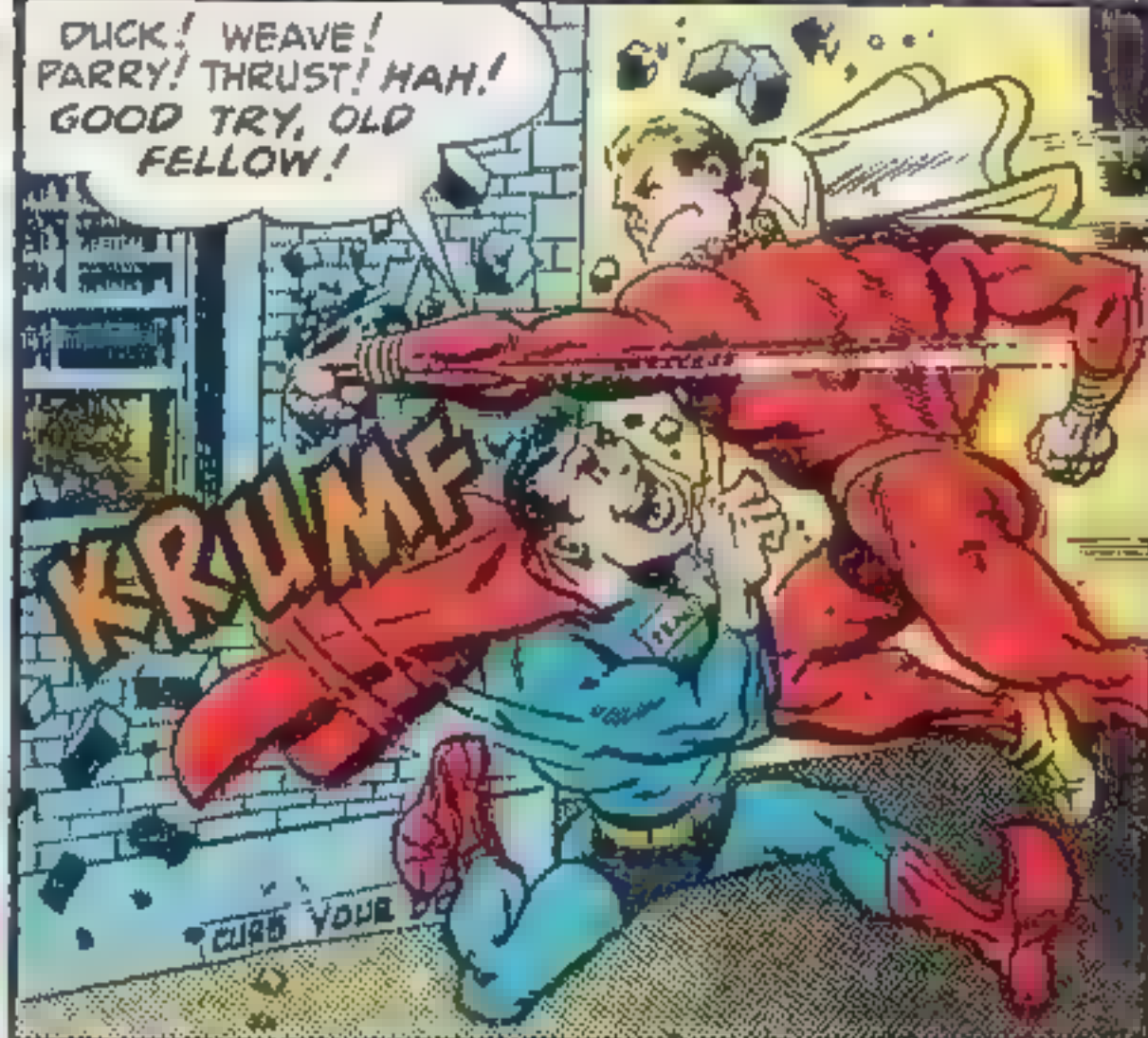
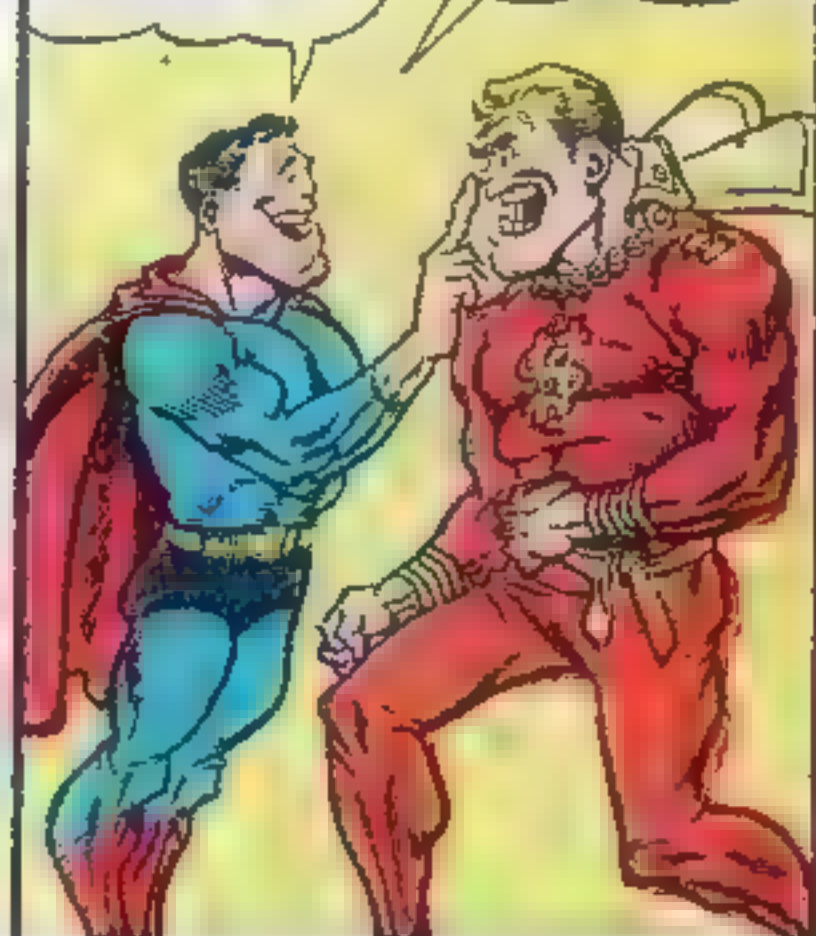
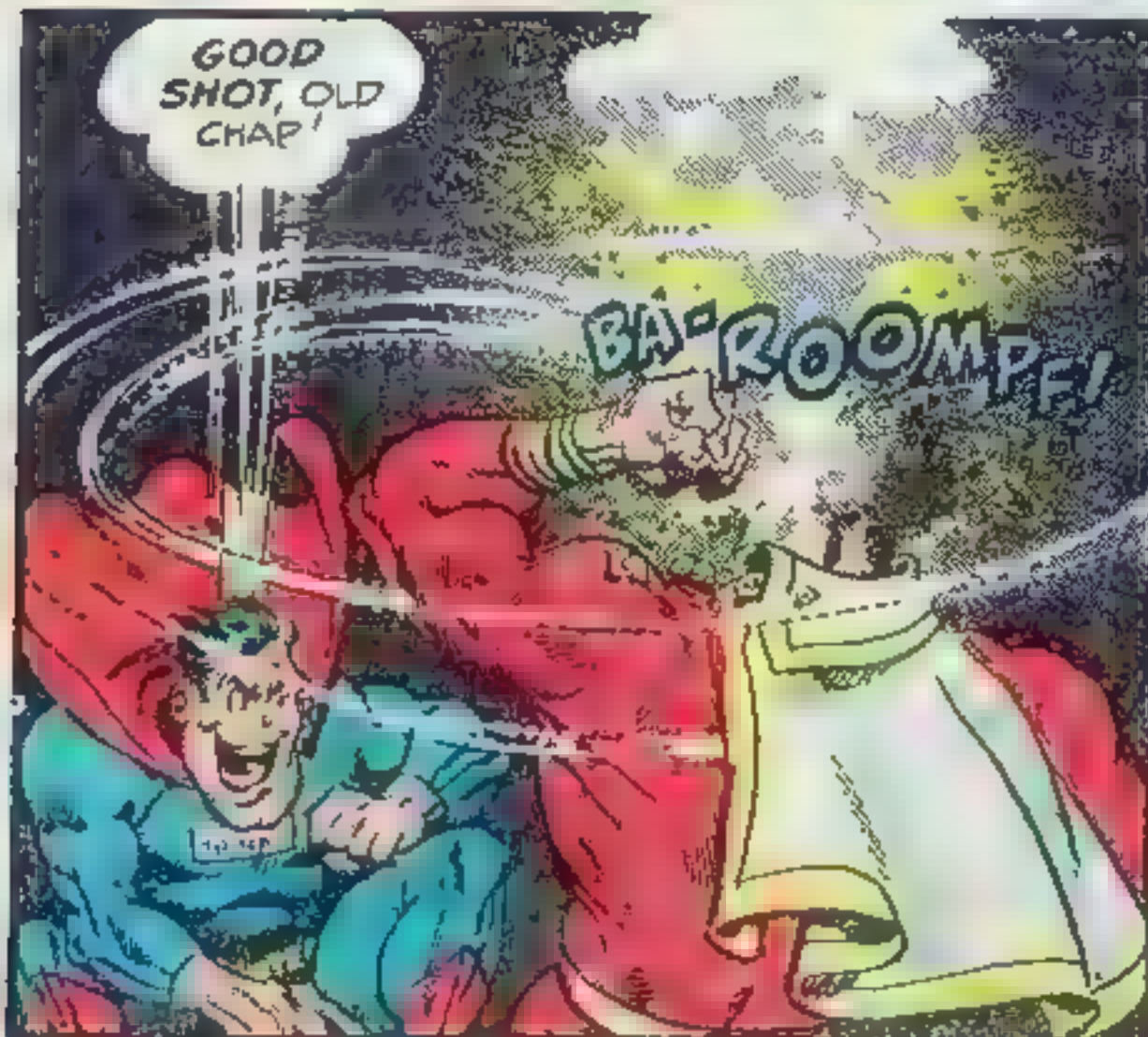
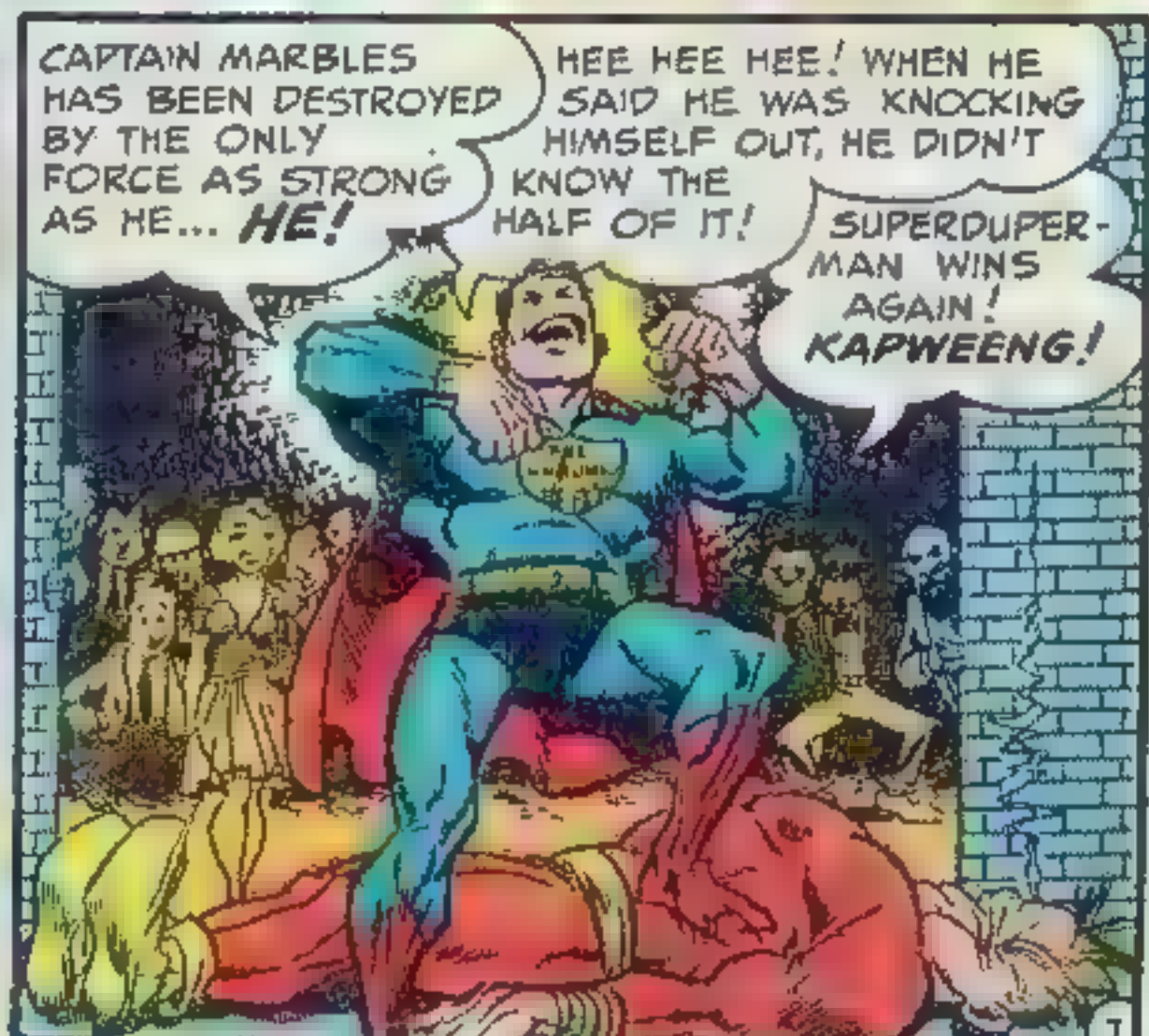
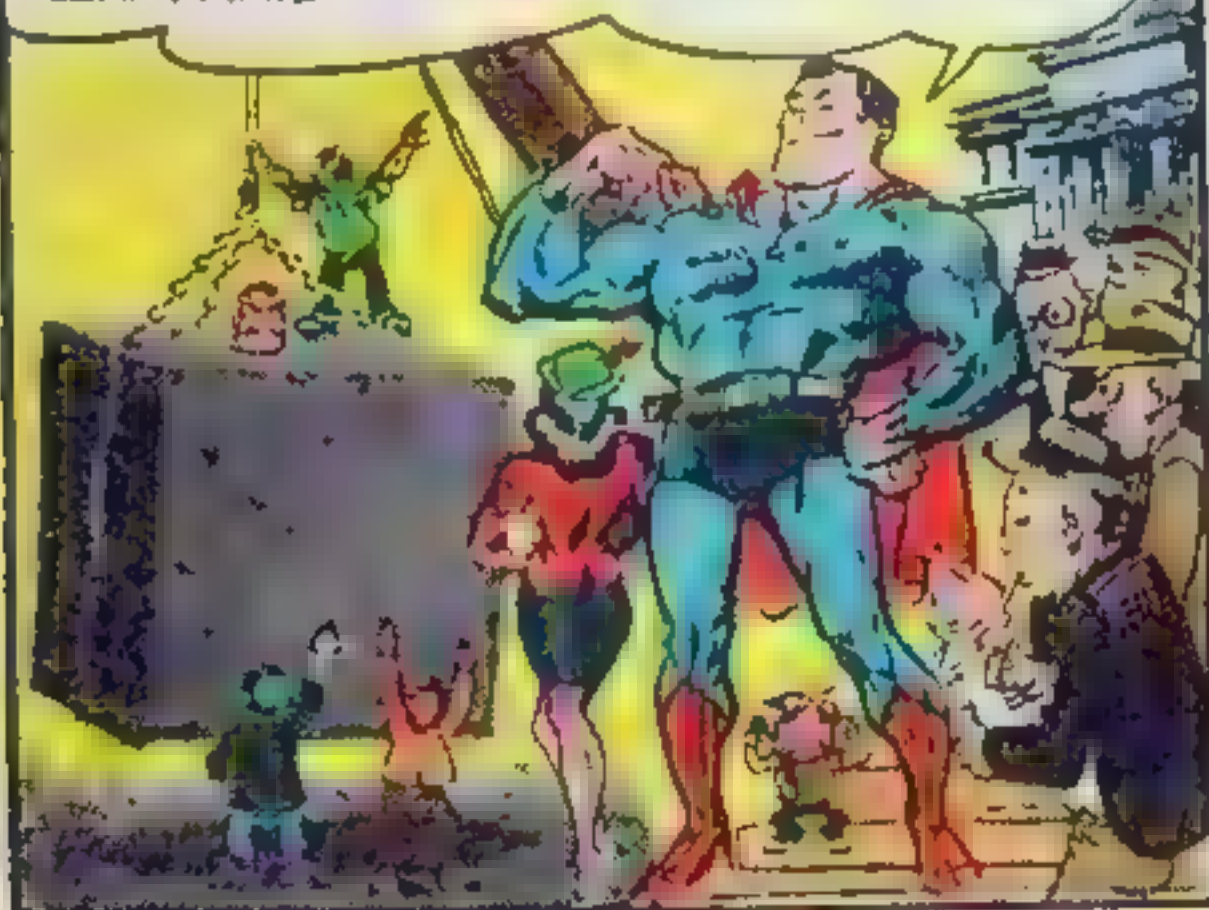
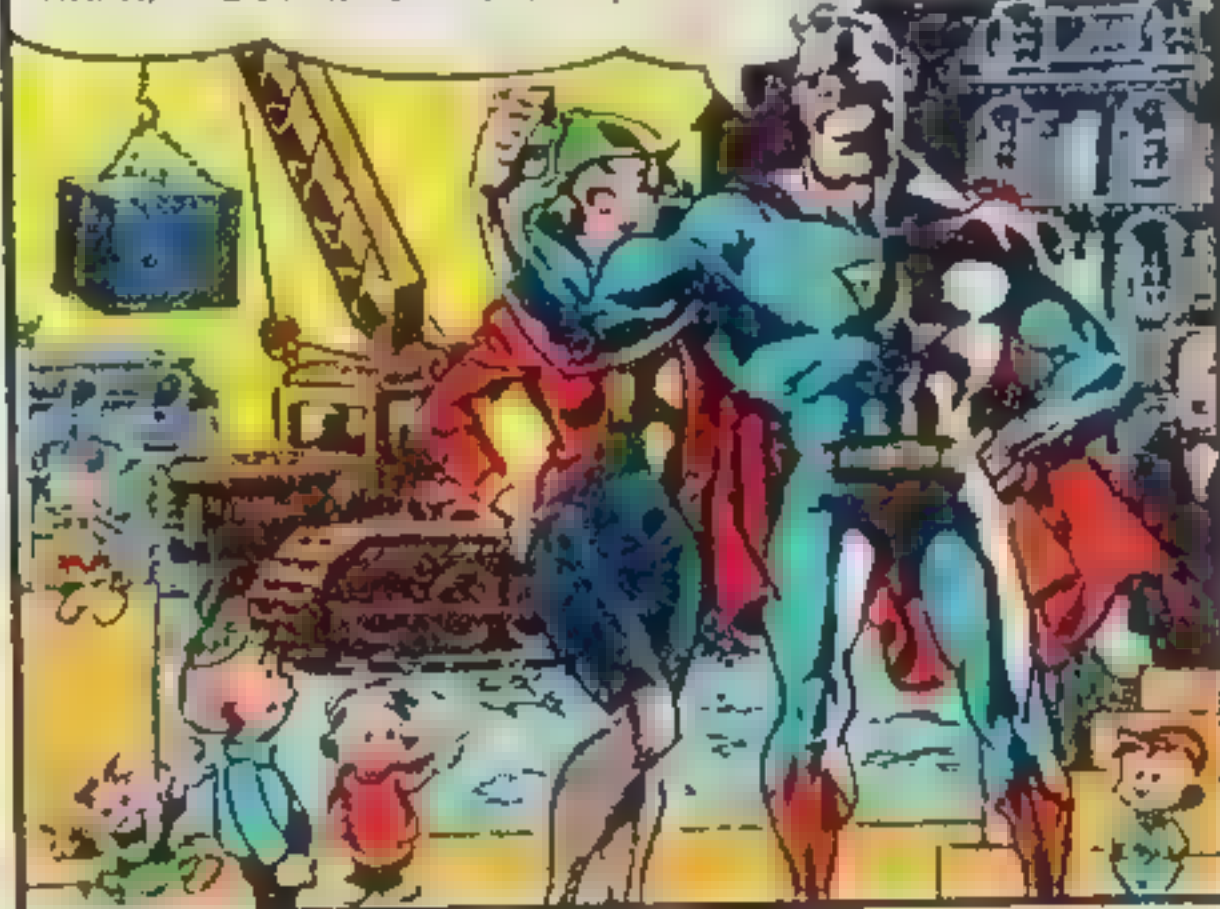
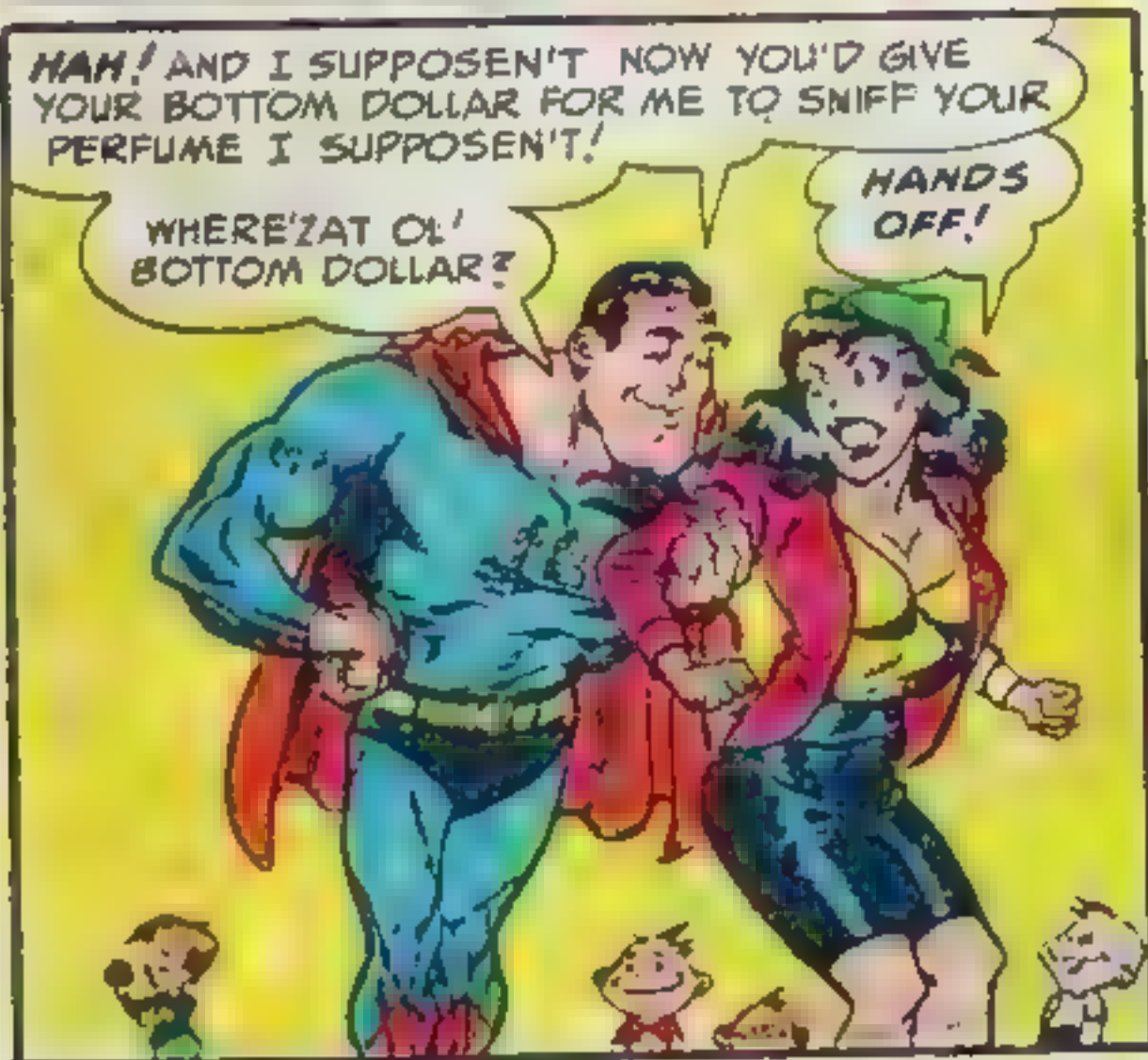
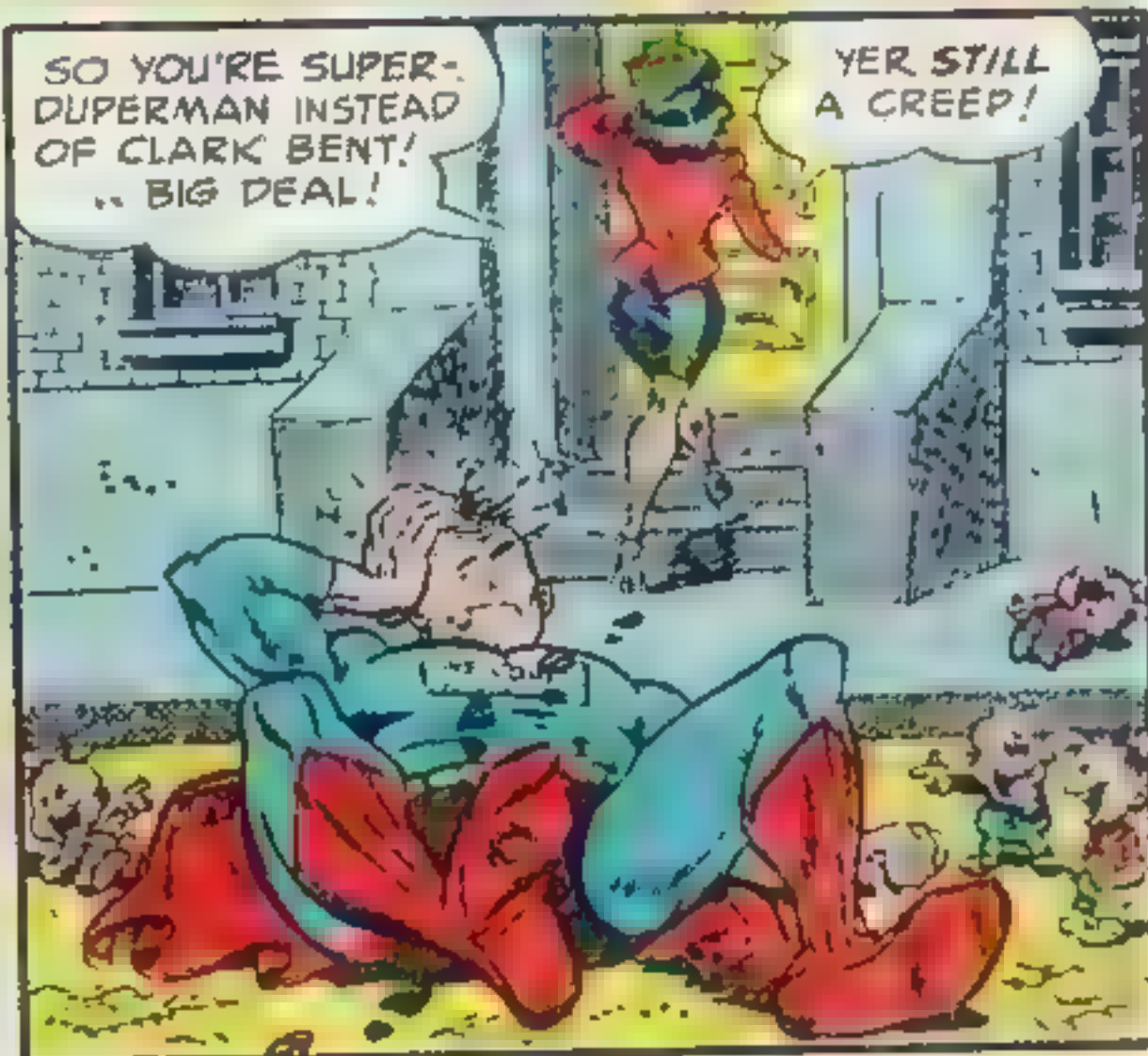
IT'S A BIRD!
RELAX BOYS! EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT! SUPERDUPERMAN IS HYAR! YOU CAN ALL GO HOME NOW! YOU, TOO, LOIS HAH PAN!

HEY! YOU! BILLY SPAFON BOY REPORTER! DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME BOY? YOU CAN GO HOME! AMSCRAY! AGITATE THE GRAVEL! HIT THE ROAD! STRIKE THE PAVEMENT!... GET IT?
SHAZOOM!

SHAZOOM? VAS IST DAS SHAZOOM?
STRENGTH
HEALTH
APTITUDE
ZEAL
OX, POWER OF
OX, POWER OF ANOTHER
MONEY!
ZZIT!
CRACKLE
POF!

WHAT HAPPENED TO BILLY SPAFON BOY REPORTER?
HE HAS BEEN REPLACED BY ME, CAPTAIN MARBLES! I AM THE 'UNKNOWN MONSTER'!

YOU? CAPTAIN MARBLES? HAVE TURNED RENEGADE? TAKE THAT!
KLANK!

PASTAFAZOOLA! I GAVE HIM A BLOW HARD ENOUGH TO SLAY A THOUSAND ELEPHANTS!
HO-HUM! DID YOU FEEL A BREEZE JUST THEN?.. JUST REMEMBER SUPER-DUPE OLD MAN, I AM AS INVINCIBLE AS THOU!

WELL! LIVE AND LET LIVE, I ALWAYS SAY!... JUST DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO ME, OL' MAN! LA-TE-TYA!
LISTEN, SUPERDUPE! COME ON OFF YOUR HIGH HORSE!

LAA-TE-TEE I THINK I'LL LIFT THIS SAFE UP HERE GOT TO KEEP IN SHAPE. LA DEE YOO
TAKE A TIP FROM ME! I WAS LIKE YOU ONCE, KNOCKING MYSELF OUT TO FIGHT CRIME!

LEE LOO! JUST STAND RIGHT THERE.. HUMM HUMM MY BUDDY MY BUDDY.. HAH!
ONE DAY WHILE I WAS PUNCHING MY WAY THROUGH A MOUNTAIN.
BASH!

...PUNCHING MY WAY THROUGH THIS MOUNTAIN TO CAPTURE A GANG OF INTERNATIONAL JEWEL THIEVES! SUDDENLY IT HIT ME! WHY AM I PUNCHING MY WAY THROUGH THIS MOUNTAIN?

I GOT TALENT! NOT EVERYONE CAN PUNCH THEIR WAY THROUGH A MOUNTAIN! ESPECIALLY WITH THEIR HEAD!
JUST KEEP STANDING RIGHT THERE... NO BUDDY QUITE SO TRO-O-O-O..

...SO WHAT WAS I DOING PUNCHING MY WAY THROUGH A MOUNTAIN? DO I GET PAY?... TIME AND A 'HALF FOR OVER-TIME?... WHAT ABOUT EXPENSES FOR UNIFORMS... CLEANING AND PRESSING!.. WHAT ABOUT BAND-AIDS?
VLA-DA BALOWM!

...TO SAY NOTHING OF TAKING PEOPLE OUT TO LUNCHES! TO HECK WITH THIS CAPTAIN MARBLES GIMMICK! THE ONLY IMPORTANT THING IS THE GOOD OL' DO, RE, MI... LETTUCE... KALE... SHEKELS... GET IT? CASH!

MARBLES! YOU'VE LOST YOUR MARBLES! ENOUGH OF YOUR DIRTY FIGHTING! LET'S HAVE THIS OUT THE CLEAN AMERICAN WAY! FISTICUFFS! AND NO HITTING BELOW THE BELT!
CMON
PUDDEM UP
CMON
LES FIGHT
CMON
MFF!
HMF
CMON
HAVE AT YA
BOUND
BOUND
DUCK! WEAVE! PARRY! THRUST! HAH! GOOD TRY, OLD FELLOW!
KRUMF
CURB YOUR
NOW AN IMMELMAN TURN AND A LUFBERRY CIRCLE...
...OOHOO, MARBLES! OVER HERE!
ZIP
KA-PWEENGGG!
GOOD TRY, OLD MAN!
BOOM
ZIP
...NOW A WALTZ ...A MOMBO AND A HULA...
...OOHOO, MARBLES!
GOOD SHOT, OLD CHAP!
BA-ROOMPF!
CAPTAIN MARBLES HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY THE ONLY FORCE AS STRONG AS HE... HE!
HEE HEE HEE! WHEN HE SAID HE WAS KNOCKING HIMSELF OUT, HE DIDN'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT!
SUPERDUPERMAN WINS AGAIN! KAPWEENG!

UP IN THE FIGHTING NEWSPAPER OFFICE OF THE 'DAILY DIRT'.. GOING FROM SPITOON TO SPITOON...

...SHUFFLES AN INCREDIBLY WRETCHED AND MISERABLE LOOKING CREEP. CLARK BENT, ASSISTANT COPY BOY.

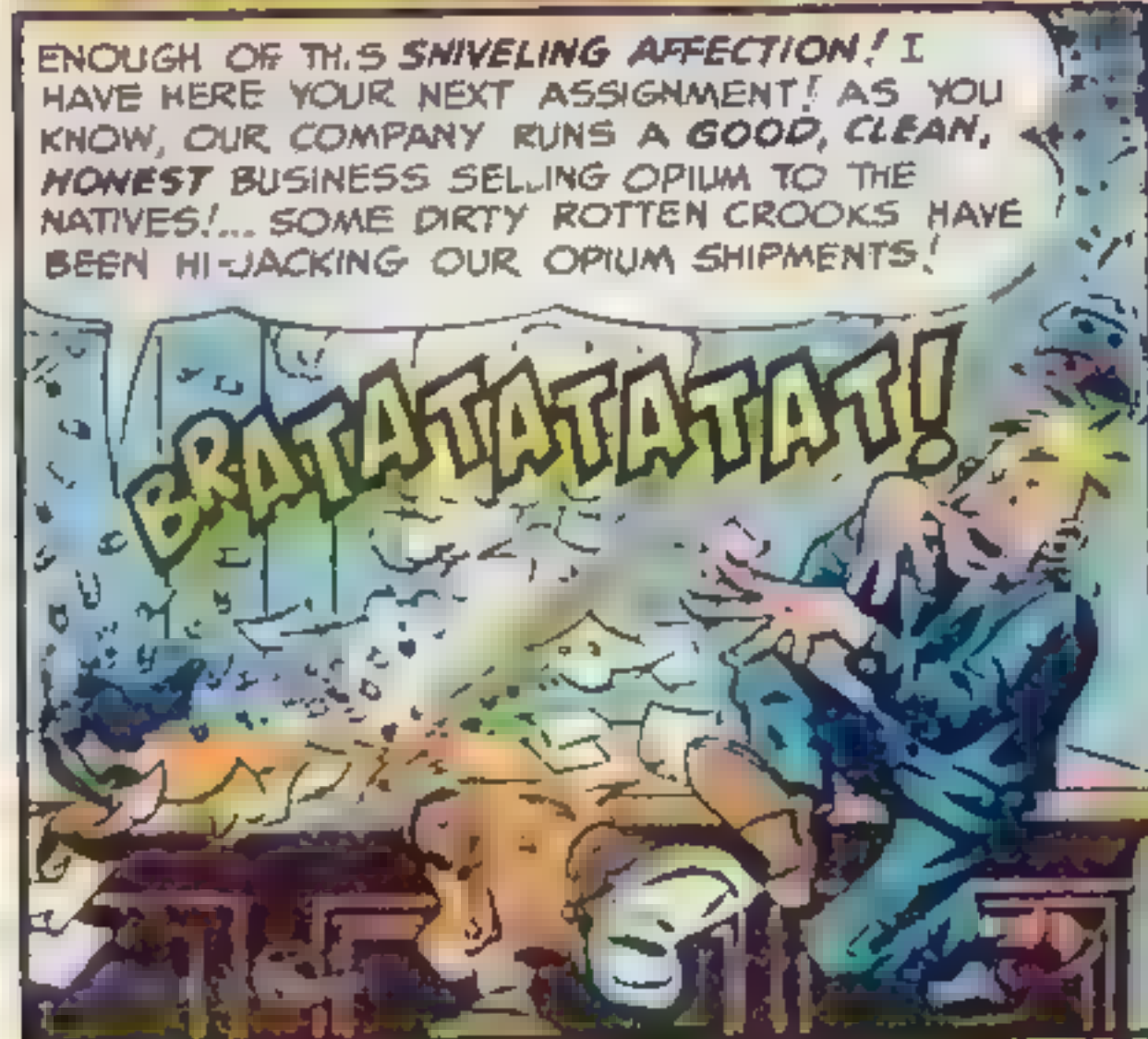
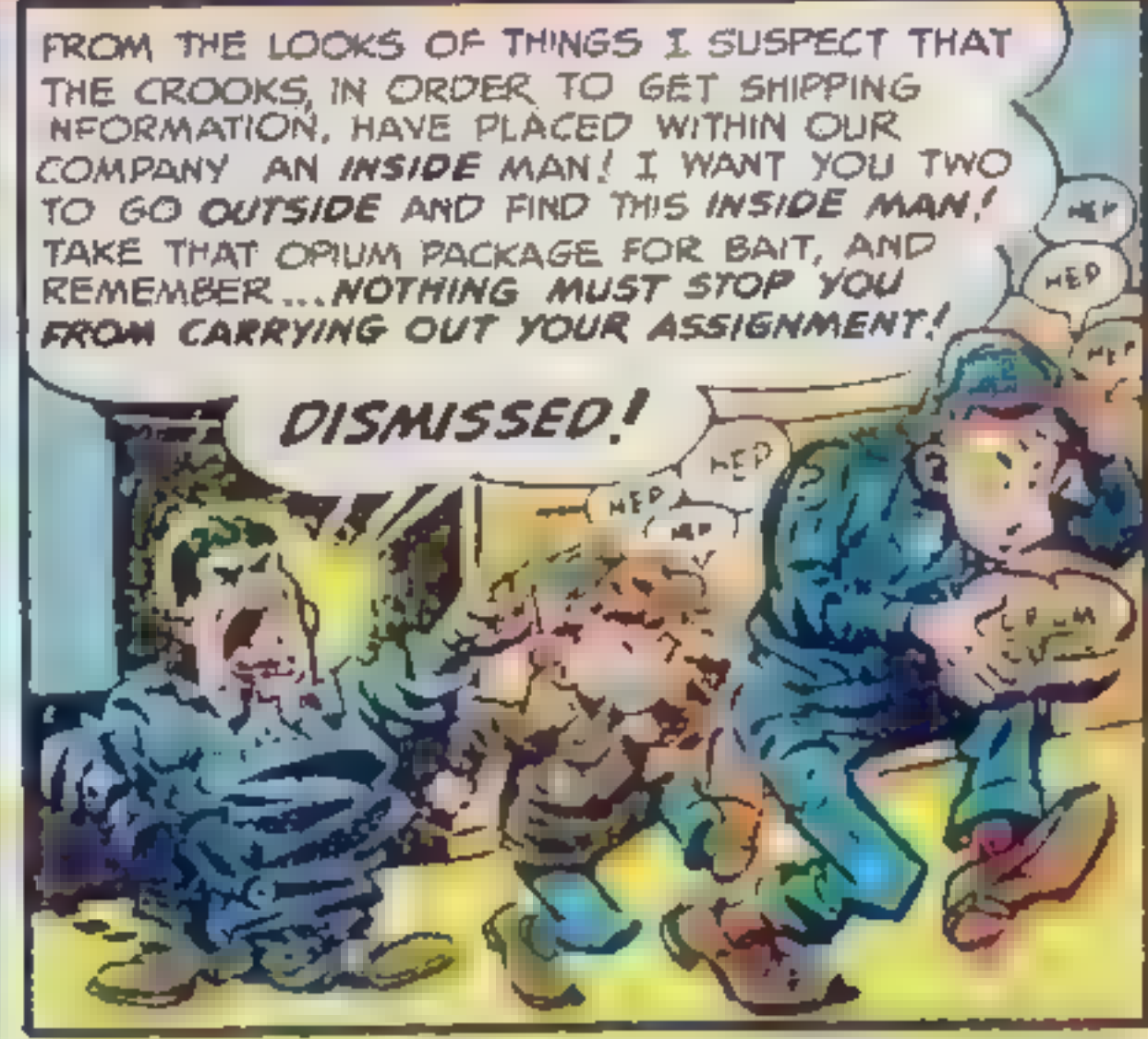
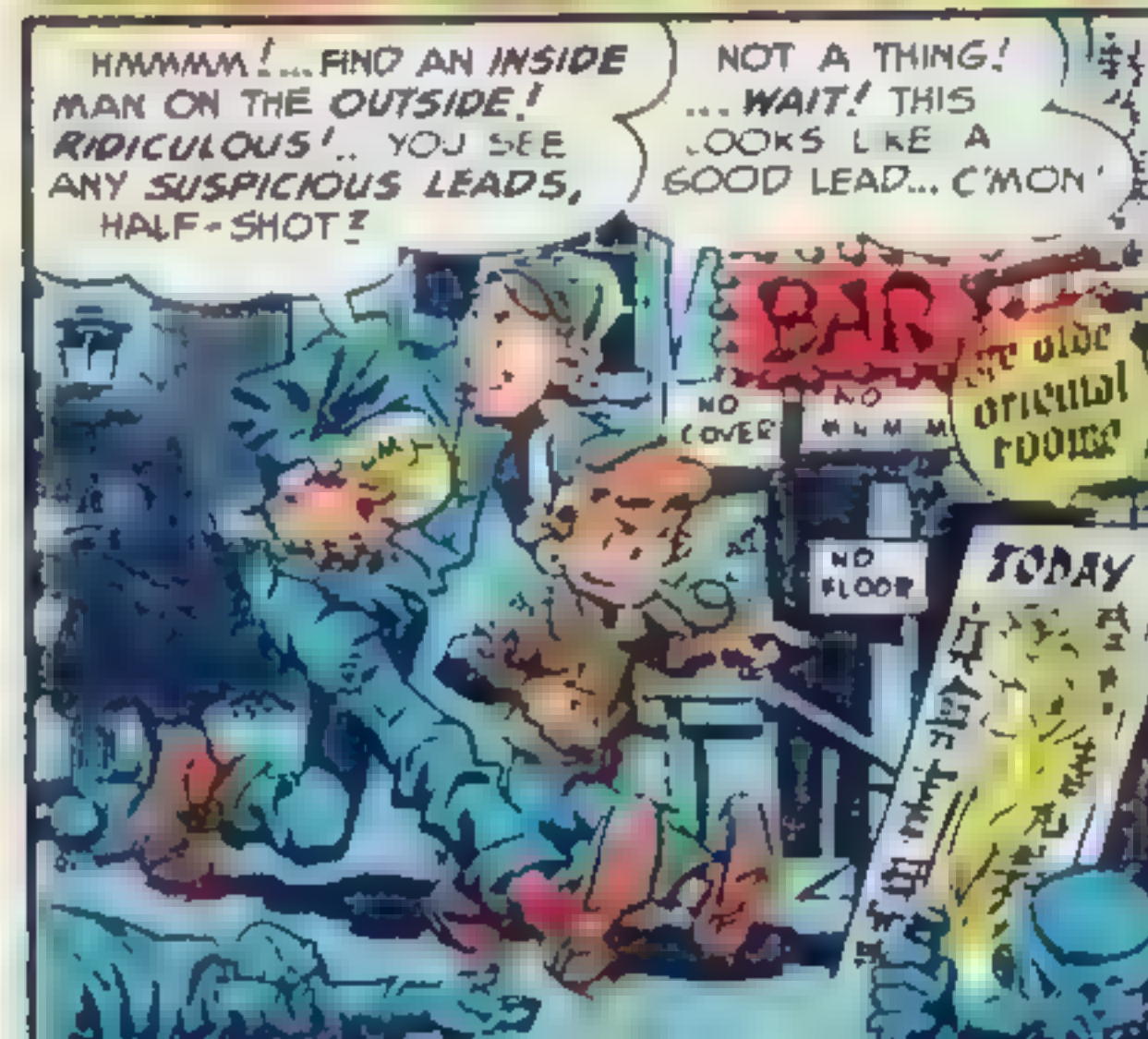
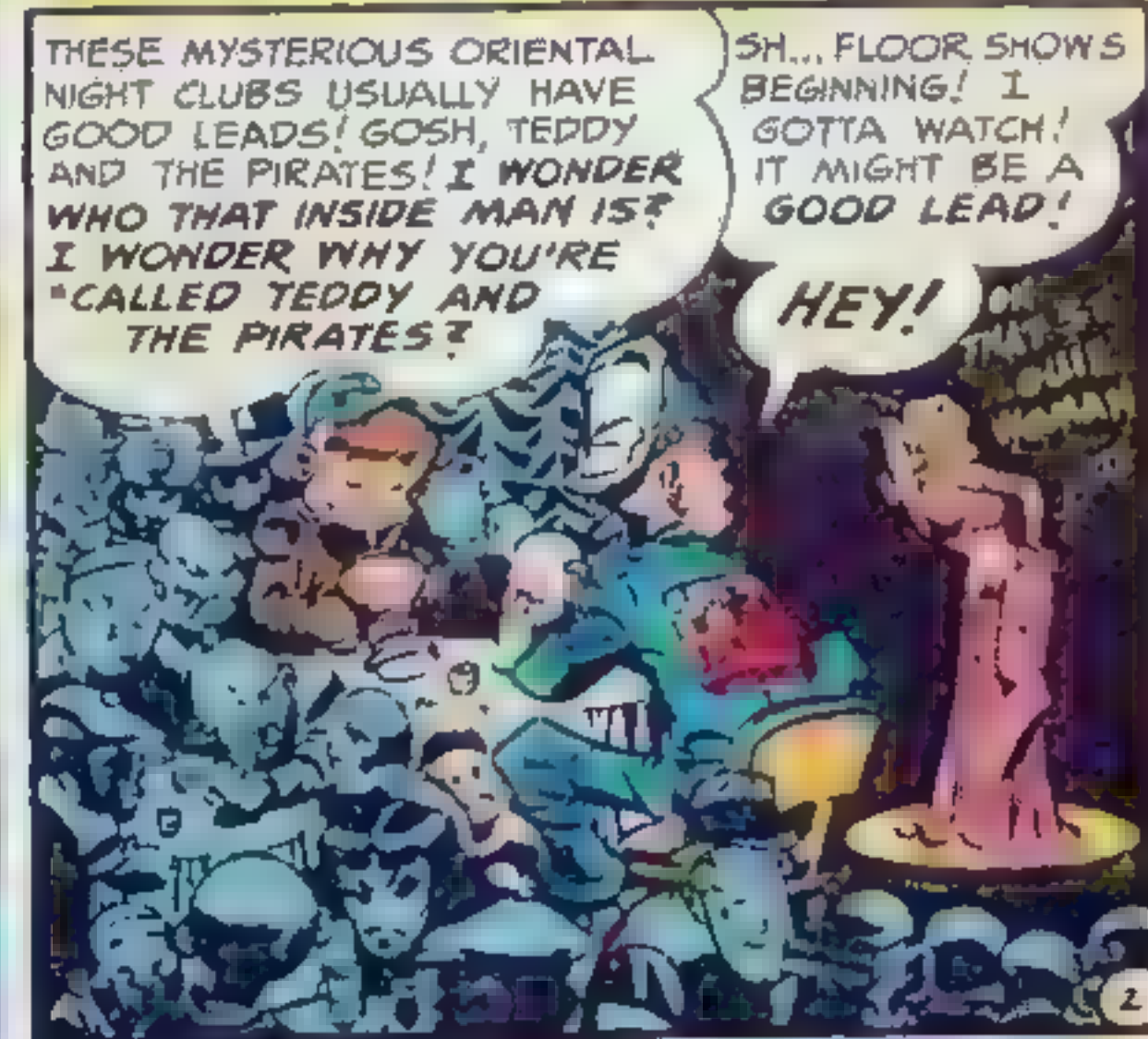
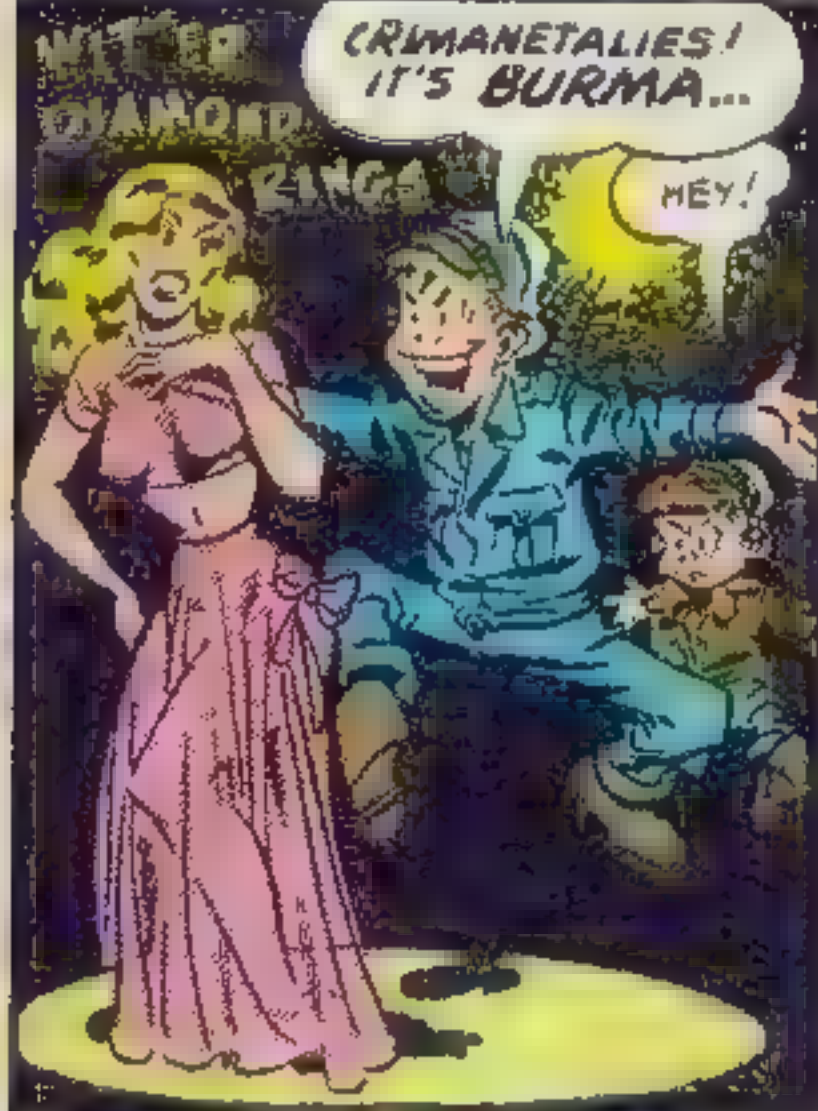
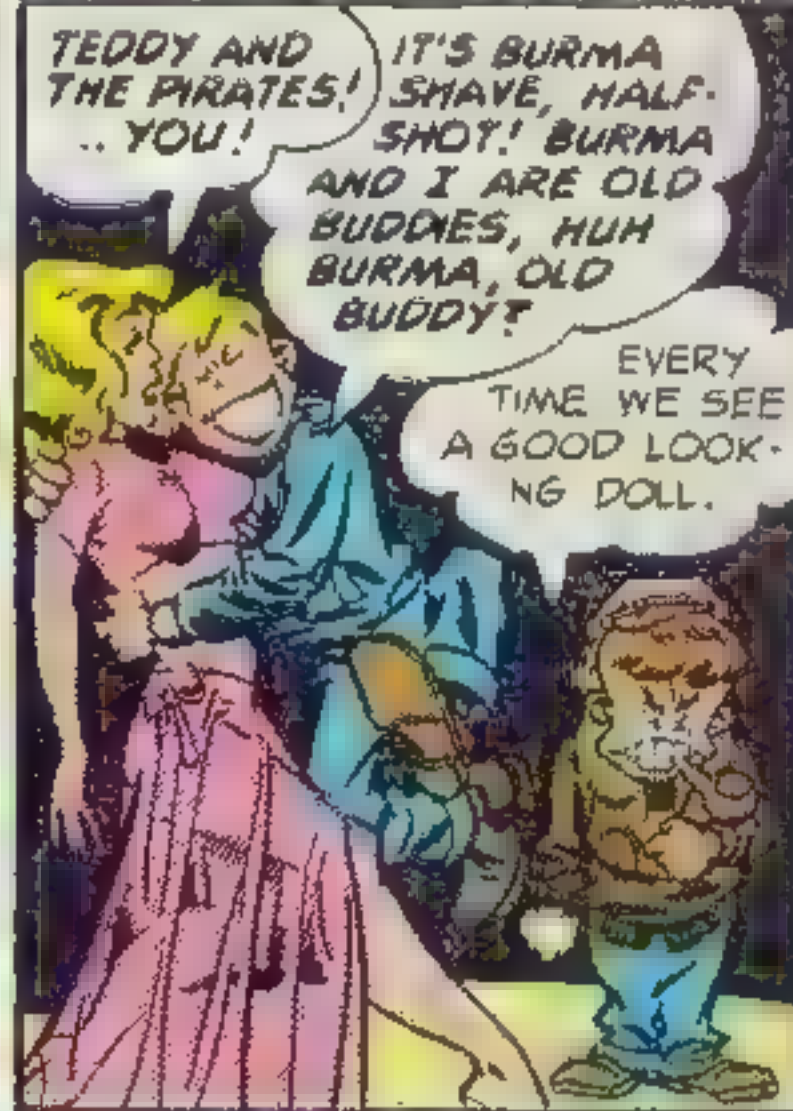
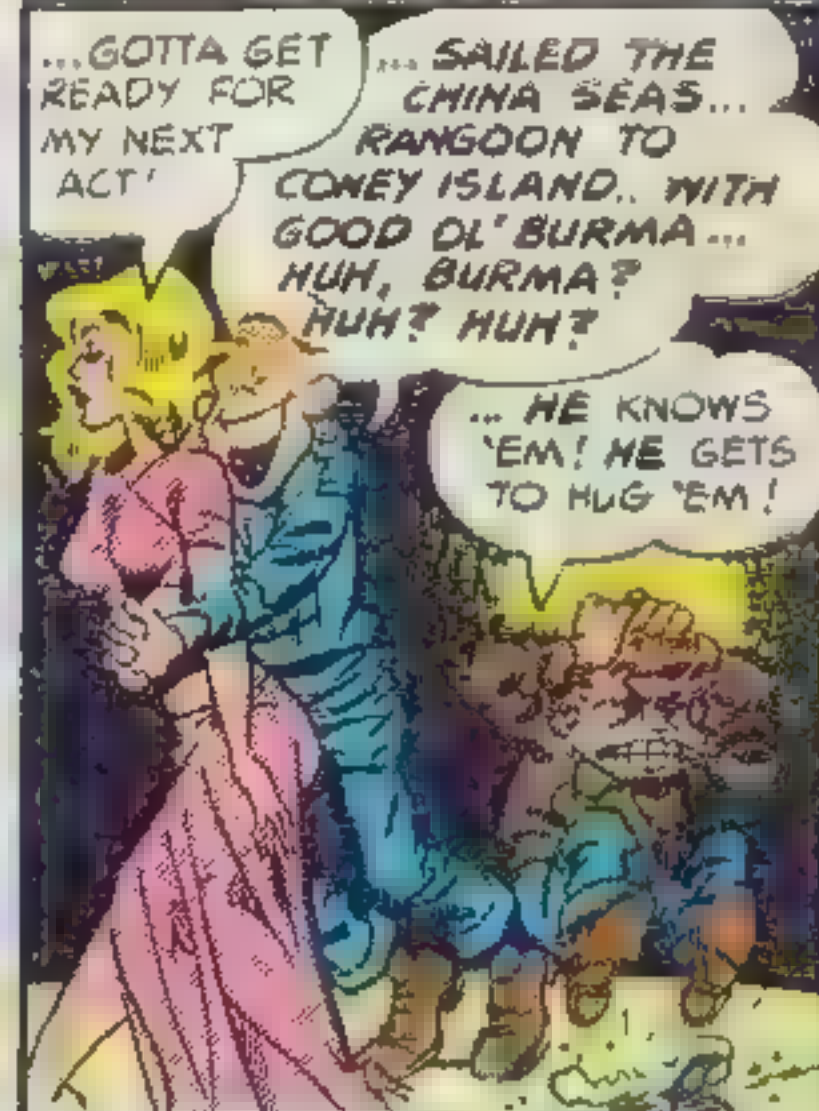
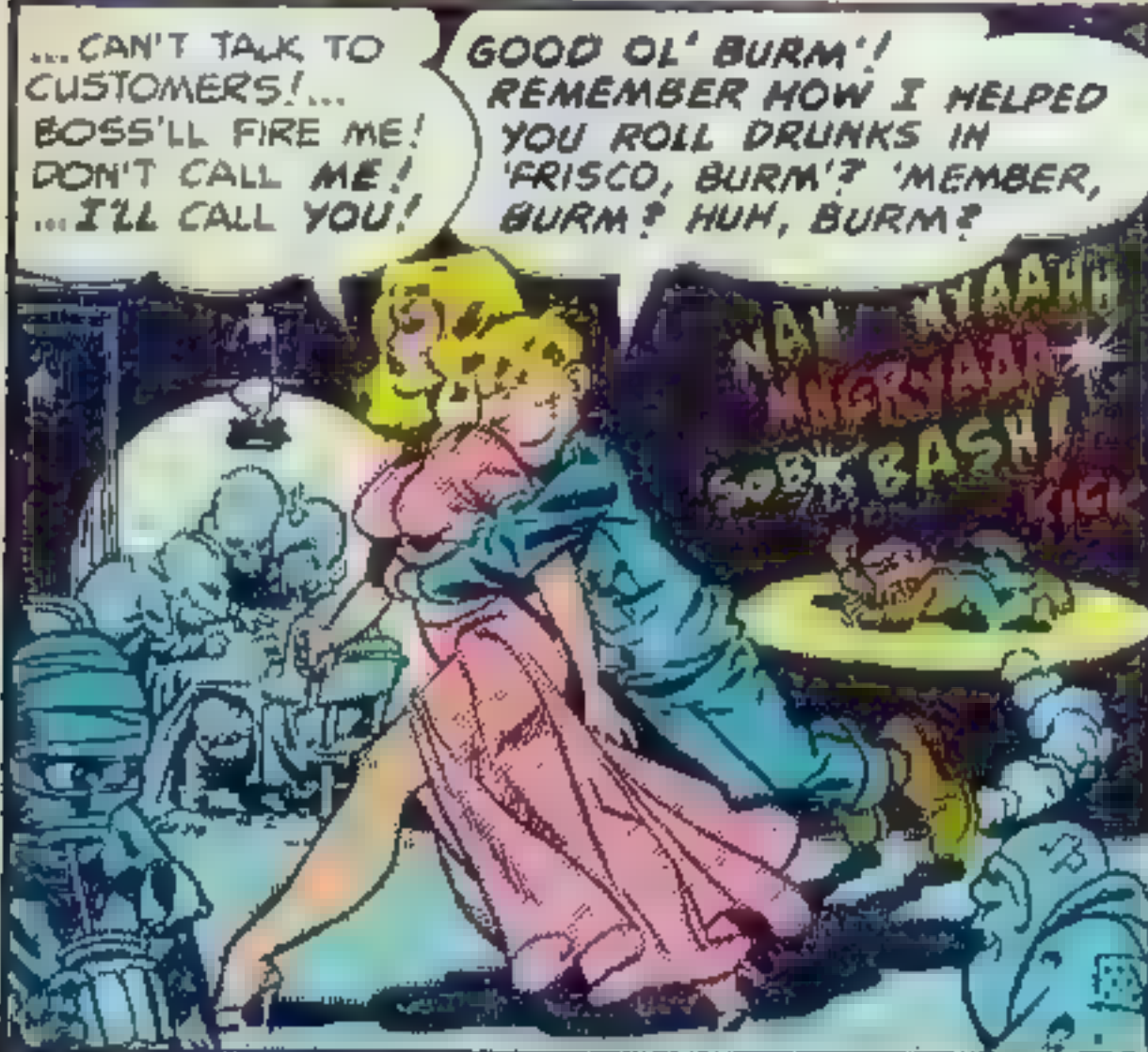
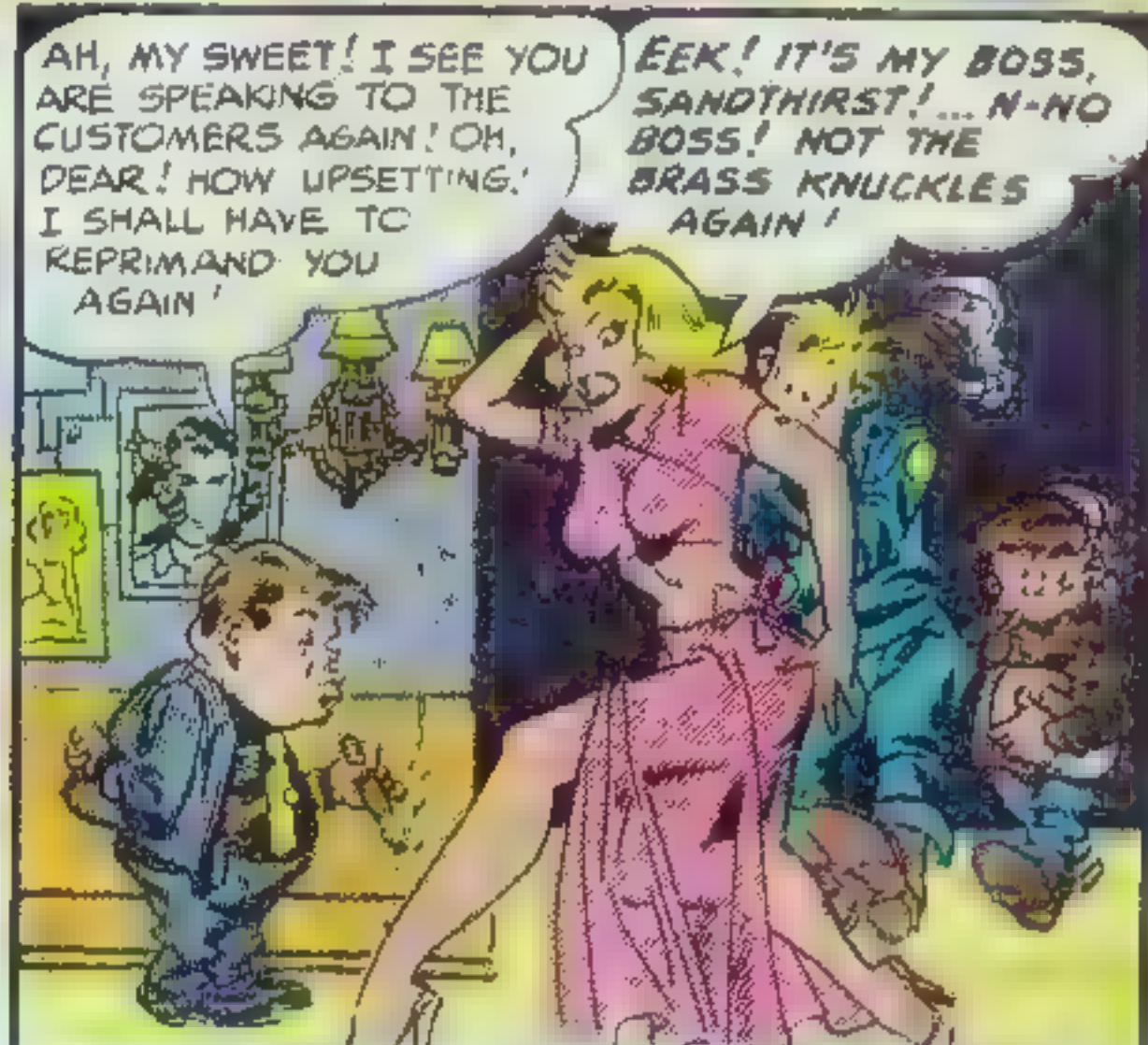
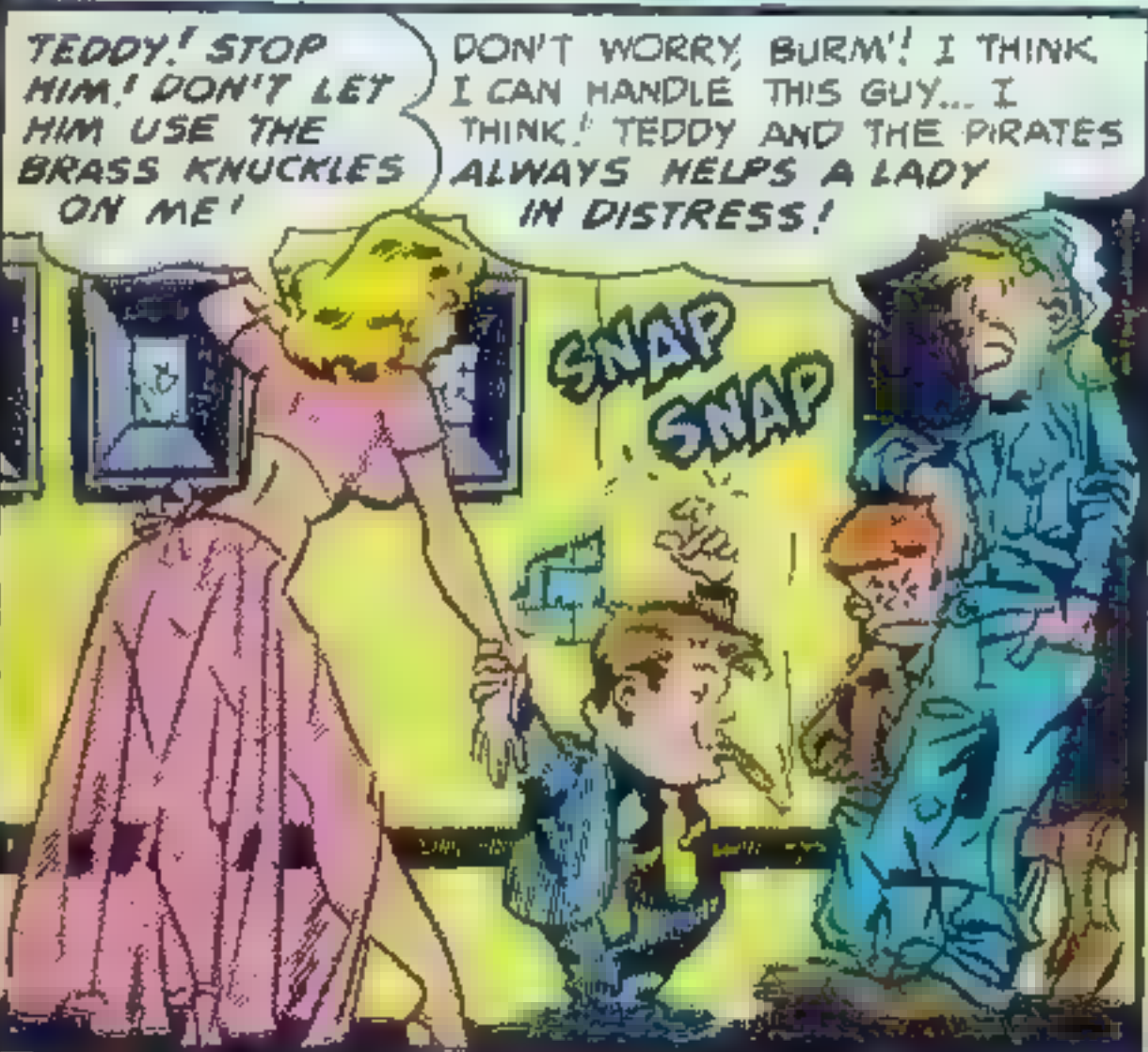
WHO IS IN REALITY, SUPERDUPERMAN! SO WHAT DOES IT ALL PROVE? IT PROVES *ONCE A CREEP, ALWAYS A CREEP!*

HIGH-TYPE ADVENTURE DEPT: .GONNNNNNG! THE ORIENT! OUR STORY STARTS IN HONG KONG CENTER OF MYSTERY AND INTRIGUE! THERE, AMIDST THE TEEMING MASSES OF HUMANITY FERRETTING OUT TROUBLE... FOLLOWING SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING LEADS WITH HIS LOVABLE ASSISTANT HALF-SHOT CHARLIE WE FIND

TEDDY AND THE PIRATES!

...I'M THE NEW BOSS! DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME, TEDDY BWAH?
CRIMANETALIES! IT'S PAT...

IT'S PAT O'BRYAN, HALF-SHOT! PAT AND I ARE OLD BUDDIES, HUH, PAT OL' BUDDY? GOOD OL' PAT!
WHAM
WHOMP
KRUMF

.. SAILED THE CHINA SEAS FROM RANGOON TO CONEY ISLAND WITH GOOD OL' GREAT OL' PAT... HUH, PAT, HUH? HUH?
WHOP
WHOMP
THUD!

ENOUGH OF THIS SHIVELING AFFECTION! I HAVE HERE YOUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT! AS YOU KNOW, OUR COMPANY RUNS A GOOD, CLEAN, HONEST BUSINESS SELLING OPIUM TO THE NATIVES!... SOME DIRTY ROTTEN CROOKS HAVE BEEN HI-JACKING OUR OPIUM SHIPMENTS!
BRATATATATAT!

FROM THE LOOKS OF THINGS I SUSPECT THAT THE CROOKS, IN ORDER TO GET SHIPPING INFORMATION, HAVE PLACED WITHIN OUR COMPANY AN INSIDE MAN! I WANT YOU TWO TO GO OUTSIDE AND FIND THIS INSIDE MAN! TAKE THAT OPIUM PACKAGE FOR BAIT, AND REMEMBER... NOTHING MUST STOP YOU FROM CARRYING OUT YOUR ASSIGNMENT!
DISMISSED!
HEP
HEP
HEP
HEP
HEP

HMMMM!... FIND AN INSIDE MAN ON THE OUTSIDE! RIDICULOUS!.. YOU SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS LEADS, HALF-SHOT?
NOT A THING! ... WAIT! THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD LEAD... C'MON!
BAR
NO COVER
NO
ye olde oriental room
NO FLOOR
TODAY

THESE MYSTERIOUS ORIENTAL NIGHT CLUBS USUALLY HAVE GOOD LEADS! GOSH, TEDDY AND THE PIRATES! I WONDER WHO THAT INSIDE MAN IS? I WONDER WHY YOU'RE CALLED TEDDY AND THE PIRATES?
SH... FLOOR SHOWS BEGINNING! I GOTTA WATCH! IT MIGHT BE A GOOD LEAD!
HEY!

CRIMANETALIES! IT'S BURMA...
HEY!

TEDDY AND THE PIRATES! ..YOU!
IT'S BURMA SHAVE, HALF-SHOT! BURMA AND I ARE OLD BUDDIES, HUH BURMA, OLD BUDDY?
EVERY TIME WE SEE A GOOD LOOKING DOLL.

...GOTTA GET READY FOR MY NEXT ACT!
...SAILED THE CHINA SEAS... RANGOON TO CONEY ISLAND.. WITH GOOD OL' BURMA... HUH, BURMA? HUH? HUH?
...HE KNOWS 'EM! HE GETS TO HUG 'EM!

...CAN'T TALK TO CUSTOMERS!... BOSS'LL FIRE ME! DON'T CALL ME! ...I'LL CALL YOU!
GOOD OL' BURM'! REMEMBER HOW I HELPED YOU ROLL DRUNKS IN 'FRISCO, BURM'? 'MEMBER, BURM? HUH, BURM?
SOB BASH! KICK

AH, MY SWEET! I SEE YOU ARE SPEAKING TO THE CUSTOMERS AGAIN! OH, DEAR! HOW UPSETTING! I SHALL HAVE TO REPRIMAND YOU AGAIN!
EEK! IT'S MY BOSS, SANDTHIRST!... N-NO BOSS! NOT THE BRASS KNUCKLES AGAIN!

TEDDY! STOP HIM! DON'T LET HIM USE THE BRASS KNUCKLES ON ME!
DON'T WORRY, BURM'! I THINK I CAN HANDLE THIS GUY... I THINK! TEDDY AND THE PIRATES ALWAYS HELPS A LADY IN DISTRESS!
SNAP SNAP

C'MON HALF-SHOT! YOU PIN HIS ARMS BEHIND HIS BACK WHILE I GIVE HIM A SHOT IN THE HEAD! ...WE ALWAYS HELP A LADY IN DISTRESS...
HEP!
OOLP!
HEP

COME, MY DEAR! DO NOT MAKE IT DIFFICULT! FOUR BASHES IS ALL I SHALL GIVE YOU!
TEDDY! EE! TEDDY! EE! OI!
LIKE I SAID... GOTTA TAKE MY SUIT IN FOR A PRESS!... LET'S GO, HALF-SHOT!
HEP
HEP
HEP
HEP
HEP
HEP
HEP
HEP
HEP
HEP
HEP

BESIDES, WE GOT ORDERS, HUH, HALF-SHOT? PAT OBRYAN GAVE US ORDERS...RIGHT, HALF-SHOT? HE TOLD US NOTHING MUST STOP US FROM CARRYING OUT OUR ASSIGNMENT! RIGHT, HALF-SHOT?
RIGHT?
RIGHT?
RIGHT!
RIGHT!
HEP
HEP
HUP!
HEP
HEP
ZOK
POW
SLAM
YOW!
OPIUM

BACK INTO THE TEEMING STREETS OF HONG KONG! YOU FIND MORE TEEMS OUT HERE... BASEBALL... FOOTBALL TEEMS!...I WONDER IF WE'LL EVER FIND THE INSIDE MAN? I WONDER WHY YOU'RE CALLED 'TEDDY AND THE PIRATES'?
HEY!... GOING INTO THAT DARK DOORWAY.

DON'T TELL ME YOU SEE ANOTHER OLD BUDDY OF YOURS?
IT'S CONNIE!
CONNIE? ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL GIRL NO DOUBT! WELL THIS TIME I GET FIRST HUG!

CONNIE, GIRL! I'M TEDDY AND THE PIRATES'S FRIEND, AND ANY FRIEND OF TEDDY AND THE PIRATES IS A FRIEND OF MINE!
WAIT, HALF-SHOT!
C'MERE, GAL!
HONG KONG PING PONG AND MAH JONG CLUB
OPIUM
ZOOOMM
KISS
KISS
KISS

WAIT, HALF-SHOT! CONNIE IS..
BOOM

CONNIE IS A MAN!
WHO WAS THAT CRAZY MAN? THAT BOY'S STRICTLY TOM! REAL GONE!

IT'S CONNIE.. A-AND BIG-POOP! MY OLD BUDDIES! SAILED THE CHINA SEAS... RANGOON... CONEY ISLAND... YEAH!
YOU'RE LOOKING REAL, GEORGE, TEDDY AND THE PIRATES!
WHAT'S THAT, BIG-POOP?
OPIUM

GOOD OLD BIG-POOP AN CONNIE! WE'VE GOTTA TALK OVER OLD TIMES!
BIG-POOP SAYS HE WANTS TO HUG YOUR FRIEND HALF-SHOT... WANTS TO HUG HIM HELLO!

...C'MON, CONNIE! LET'S SIT DOWN SOMEWHERE AND TALK OVER OLD TIMES!... C'MON, CONNIE OLD PAL! LEMME BUY YOU A BEER!
BIG-POOP SAYS HE WANTS TO HUG YOU TOO, TEDDY-O'!
SNAP CRACKLE POP

WELL, FLIP MY LID!
AS I WAS SAYING, HALF-SHOT... LET'S GO PACK OUR GEAR!
REMEMBER OUR ASSIGNMENT! WE MUST FIND THE INSIDE MAN AND NOTHING MUST STOP US!
HEP.
HUP!
HEP
HEP
OPIUM!

I WONDER WHO THE INSIDE MAN IS? AND FOR THE TENTH TIME... WHY YOU CALLED TEDDY AND THE PIRATES!
SH HALF-SHOT! WE'RE NEARING THE WATER-FRONT!

CRIMANETALIES! LOOK SEE, THAT OLD CHINESE JUNK TIED UP BY THE WATERFRONT?
YEAH?
YEH? YEH?

THE CAPTAIN OF THIS JUNK IS THE ROUGHEST, MEANEST, NASTIEST, TOUGHEST CAPTAIN ON THE HIGH SEAS, AND I KNOW THE CAPTAIN!
... AN OLD BUDDY OF YOURS, I'LL BET! WELL, YOU GO HUG YOUR BUDDIES ALONE, THIS TIME! I'M FINISHED!
OPIUM

BY GEORGE! THIS CAPTAIN IS THE DRAGGING LADY! MY OLD BUDDY!
SAILED THE CHINA SEAS TOGETHER! HIYA, DRAG!

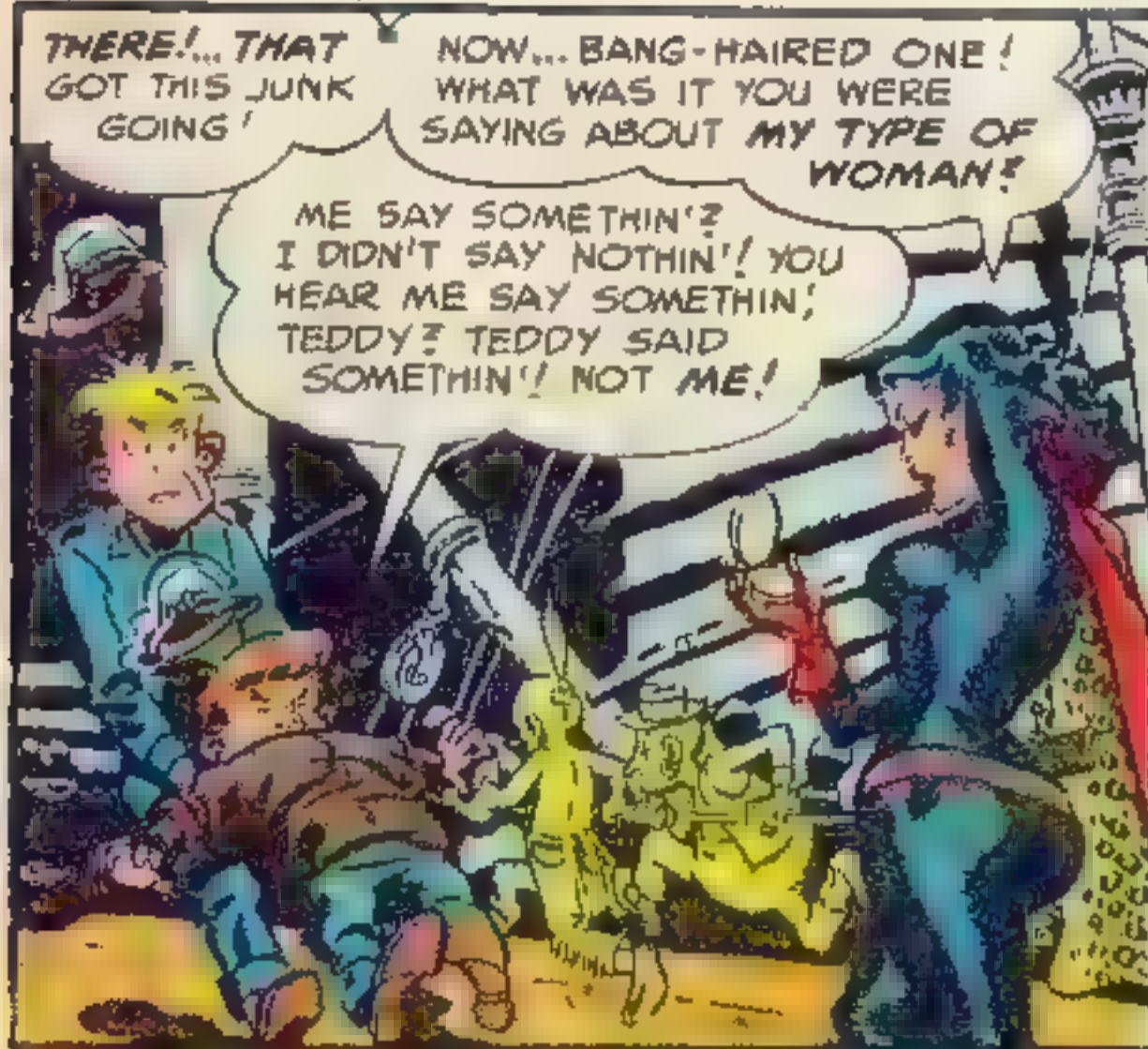
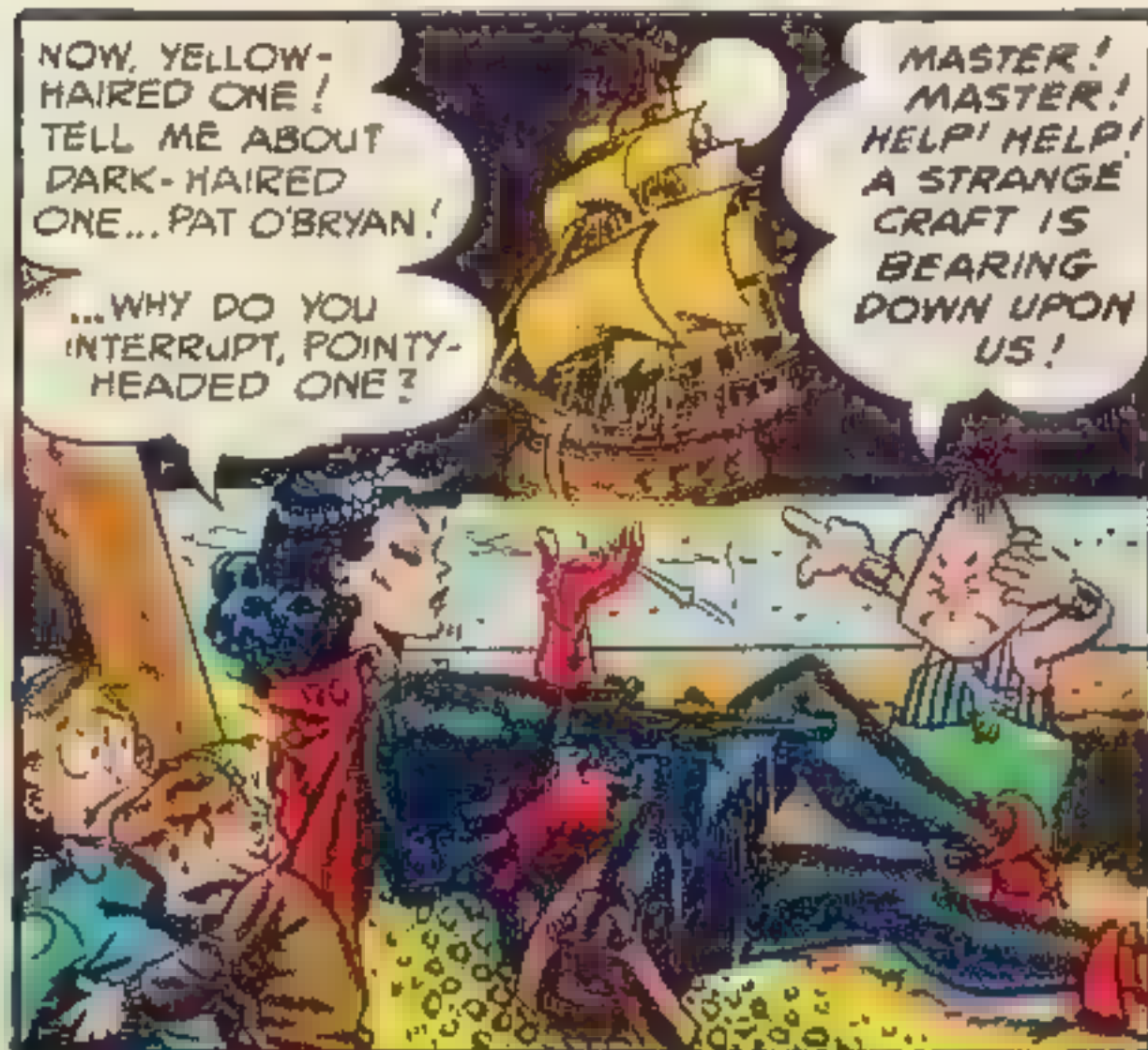
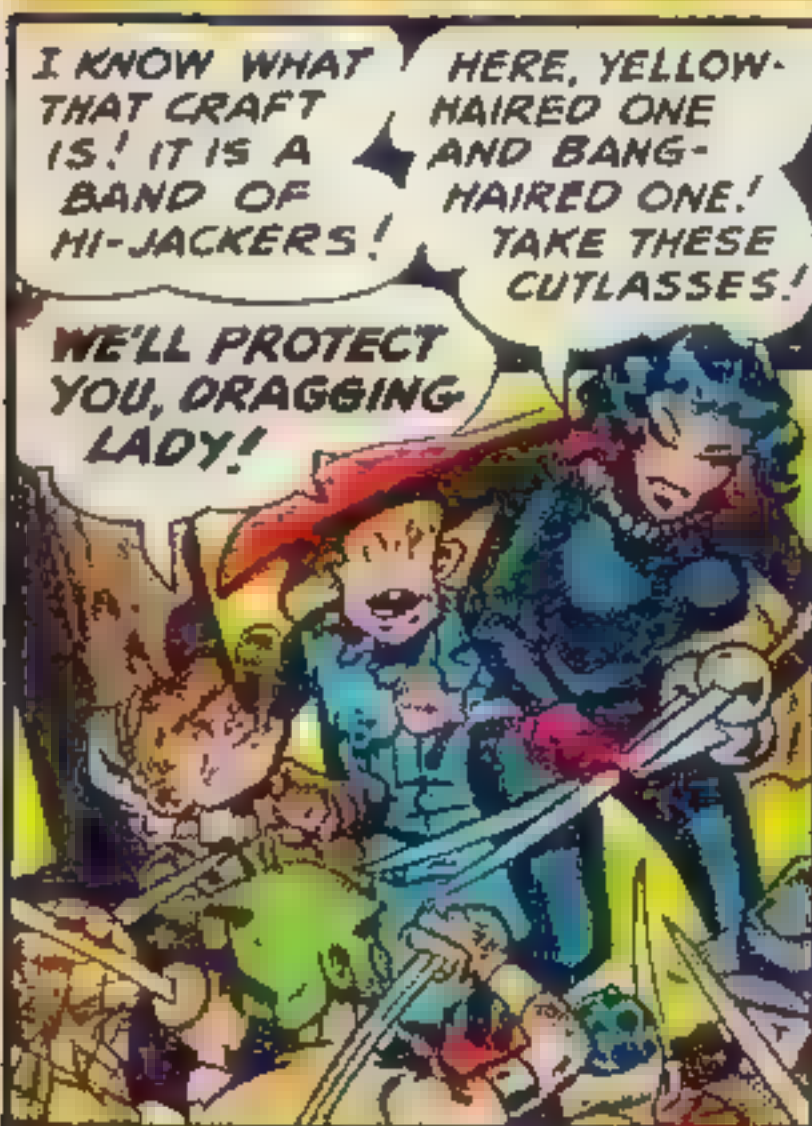
AH! IT IS THE YELLOW-HAIRED ONE! APPROACH THE DRAGGING LADY YELLOW-HAIRED ONE!
HEY HALF SHOT! YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO MEET MY GOOD OL' BUDDY DRAGGING LADY?
BAM
BASH
HIT!
HIT!
BOUND!

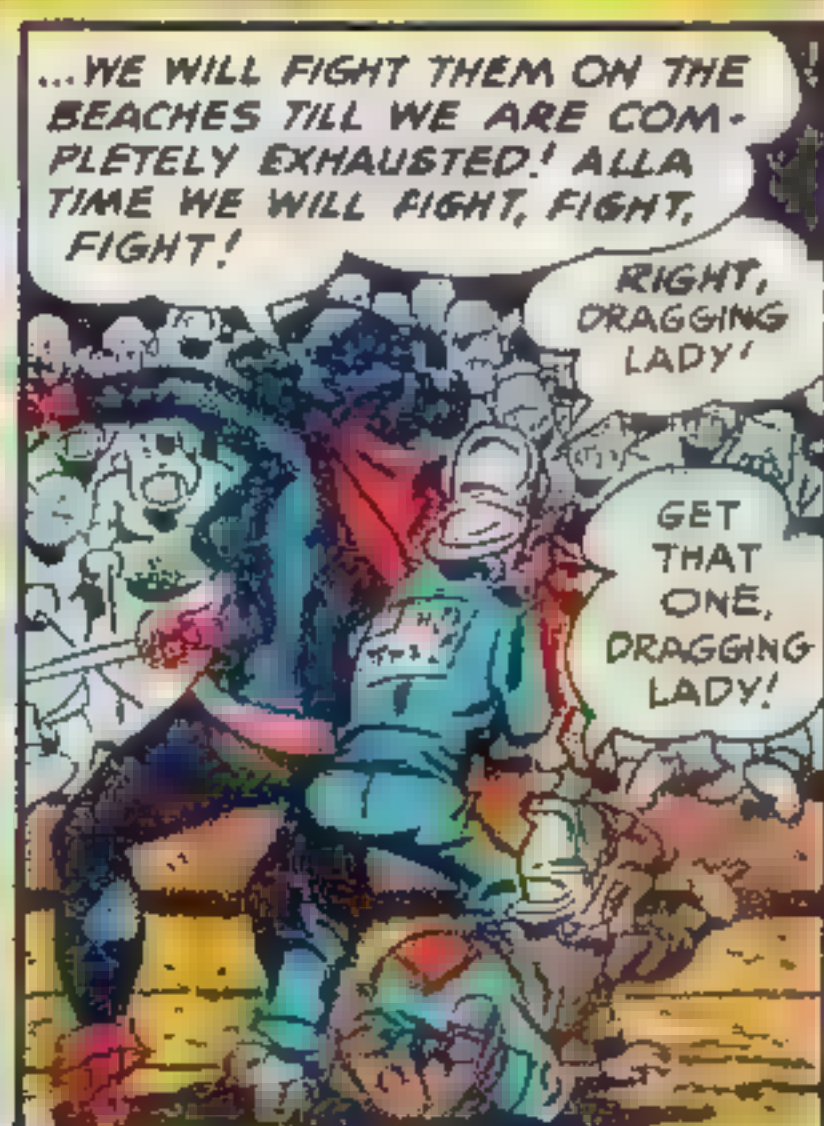
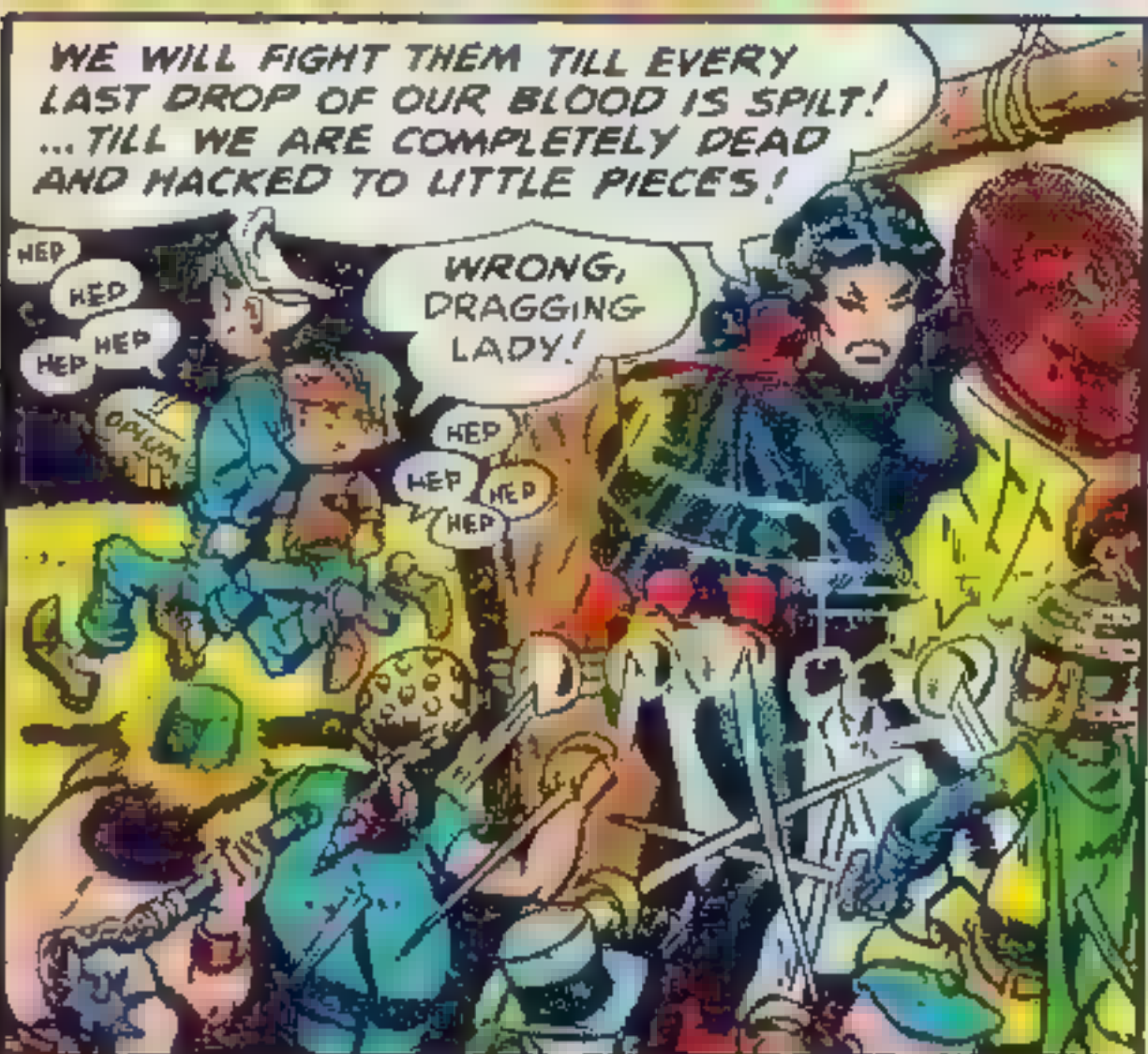
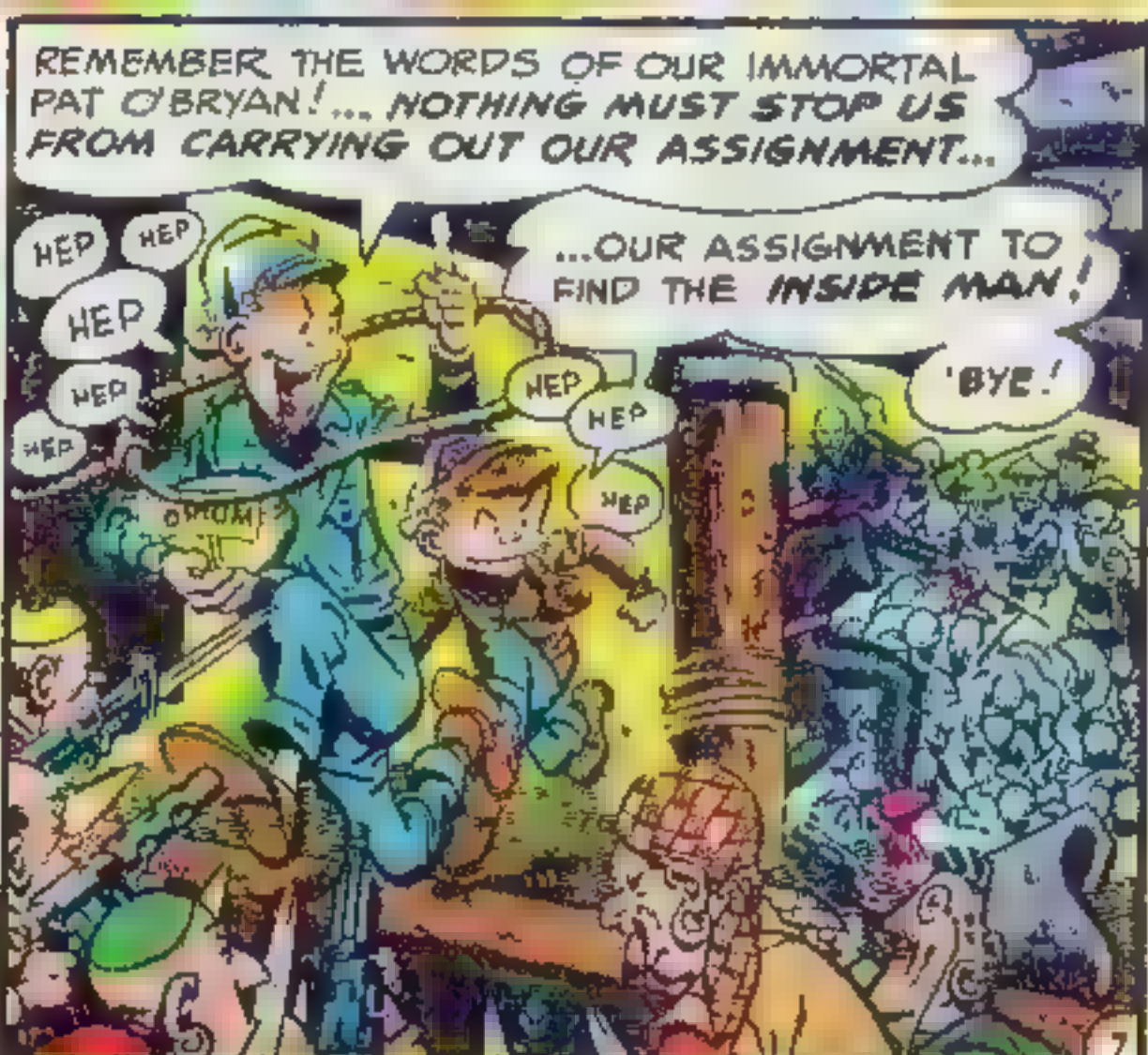
GOSH, TEDDY AND THE PIRATES! SHE'S REAL PEACHY KEEN WOW! ROWF ROWF!
INTRODUCE ME, HUH? WILLYA, TEDDY? WILLYA? WILLYA?
...AND, YELLOW-HAIRED ONE, WHO IS THIS BANG-HAIRED ONE WHO YAMMERS LIKE A MONKEY?
WHEE!
WOO
WOO!
DRIP

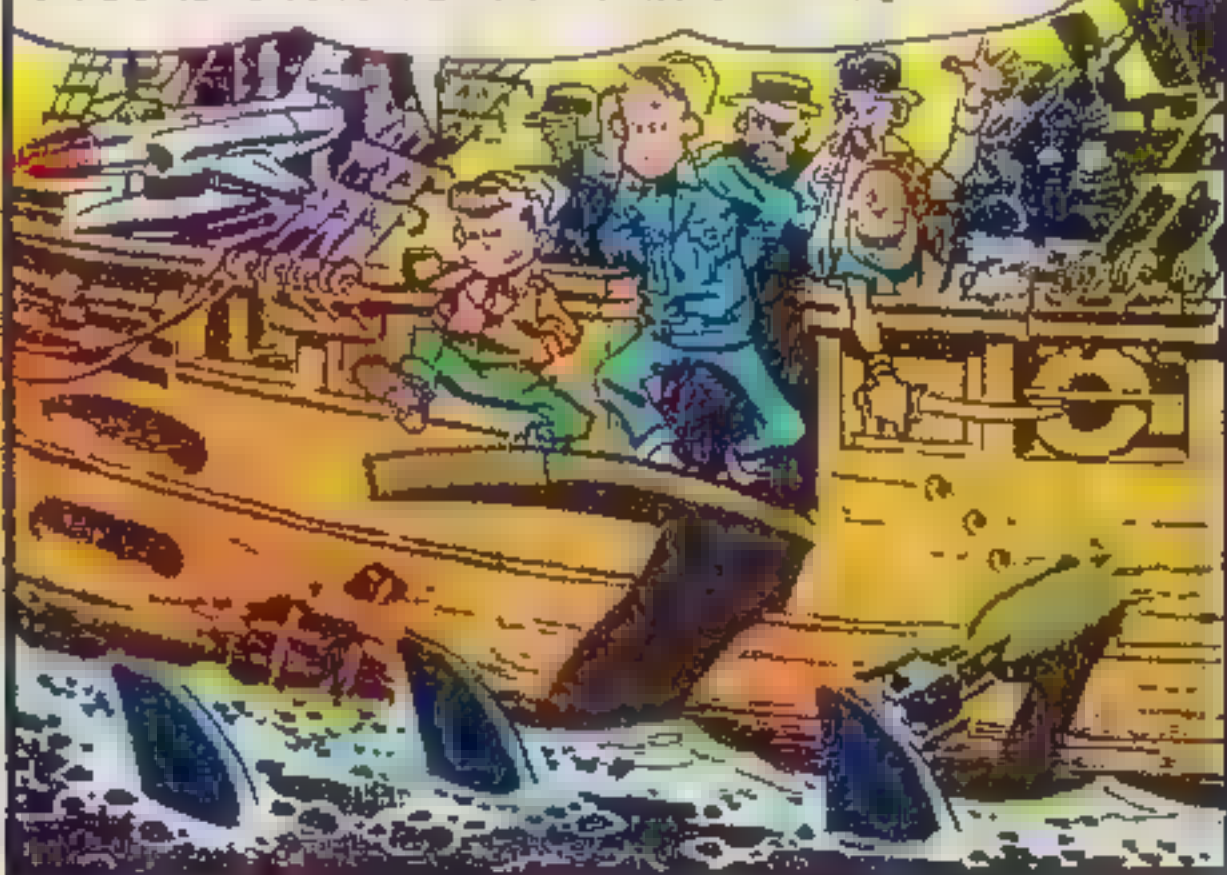
MONKEY, HUH? I KNOW THIS DAME'S TYPE TEDDY! THEY ACT TOUGH AND BUSINESS LIKE ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT UNDERNEATH IT ALL THEY'RE FEMININE CRINGING. DELICATE ... LIKE ANY OTHER WOMAN!...TREAT 'EM ROUGH, I SAY!
COME 'RE, YOU DRAGGING LADY!
EXCUSE ME A MOMENT BANG HAIRED ONE!

ALL RIGHT, YOU SWINE! WE'RE CASTING OFF! YOU, RED-HAIRED ONE .. HOIST THE MAIN-SAIL! SNAP TO!
YES MASTER!
SWISH
KNAP

STEP LIVELY, YOU BABOONS! LOWER THE JIB! BATTEN THE HATCHES! YOU, BALD-HEADED ONE! YOU'RE MOVING TOO SLOWLY!
YES, MASTER!
WHOP

HARD-A-LEE ON THE STARBOARD BOW!
YES MASTER!
YOU... TWO-HEADED ONE. YOU STUMBLED AGAINST ME! SHVIENHUNT!
POW
POW
POW

THERE!... THAT GOT THIS JUNK GOING!
NOW... BANG-HAIRED ONE! WHAT WAS IT YOU WERE SAYING ABOUT MY TYPE OF WOMAN?
ME SAY SOMETHIN'? I DIDN'T SAY NOTHIN'! YOU HEAR ME SAY SOMETHIN', TEDDY? TEDDY SAID SOMETHIN'! NOT ME!

NOW, YELLOW-HAIRED ONE! TELL ME ABOUT DARK-HAIRED ONE... PAT O'BRYAN!
...WHY DO YOU INTERRUPT, POINTY-HEADED ONE?
MASTER! MASTER! HELP! HELP! A STRANGE CRAFT IS BEARING DOWN UPON US!

I KNOW WHAT THAT CRAFT IS! IT IS A BAND OF HI-JACKERS!
HERE, YELLOW-HAIRED ONE AND BANG-HAIRED ONE! TAKE THESE CUTLASSES!
WE'LL PROTECT YOU, DRAGGING LADY!

ALL HANDS AND FEET ON DECK! STAND BY TO REPEL BOARDERS! WE WILL FIGHT THEM ON THE LAND... IN THE AIR!
RIGHT, DRAGGING LADY!
WATCH OUT FOR THAT ONE, DRAGGING LADY!
CRASH
KLASH
SLASH
BASH
GASH

...WE WILL FIGHT THEM ON THE BEACHES TILL WE ARE COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED! ALLA TIME WE WILL FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT!
RIGHT, DRAGGING LADY!
GET THAT ONE, DRAGGING LADY!

WE WILL FIGHT THEM TILL EVERY LAST DROP OF OUR BLOOD IS SPILT! ...TILL WE ARE COMPLETELY DEAD AND HACKED TO LITTLE PIECES!
HEP HEP HEP HEP
WRONG, DRAGGING LADY!
HEP HEP HEP HEP

REMEMBER THE WORDS OF OUR IMMORTAL PAT O'BRYAN!... NOTHING MUST STOP US FROM CARRYING OUT OUR ASSIGNMENT...
HEP HEP HEP HEP HEP
...OUR ASSIGNMENT TO FIND THE INSIDE MAN!
'BYE!
HEP HEP HEP

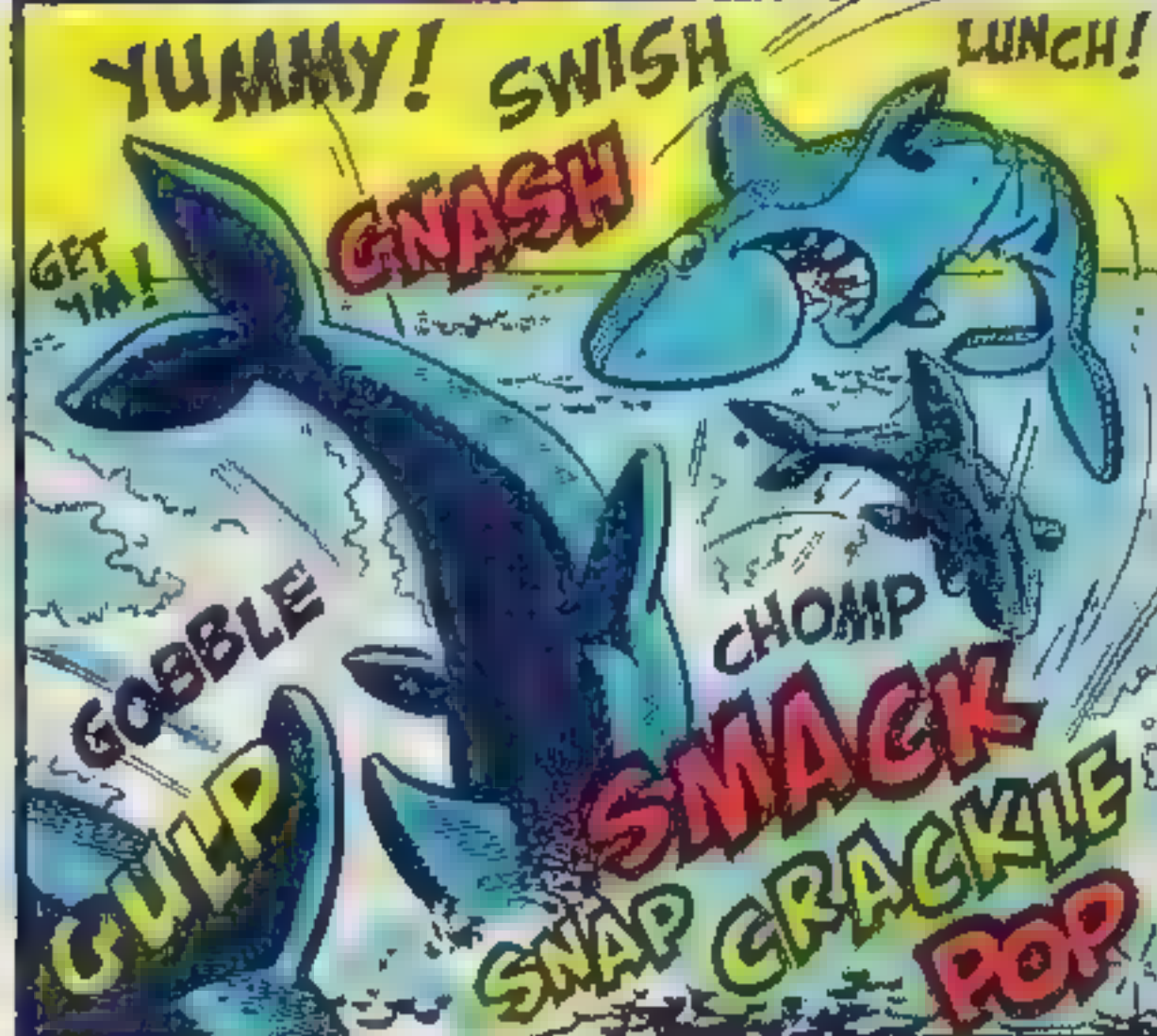
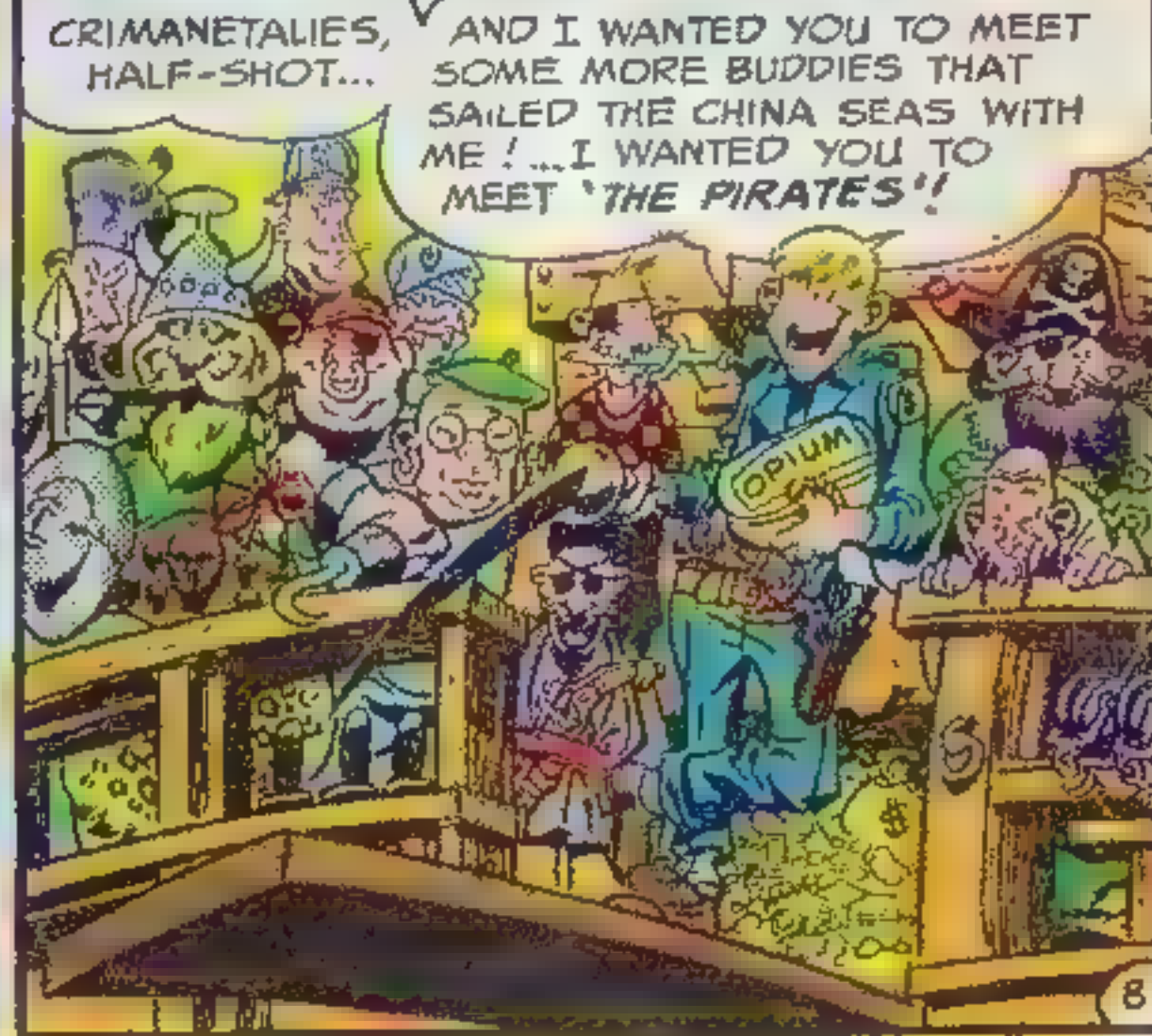
WELL, HERE WE ARE, ABOUT TO WALK THE PLANK OFF OF THE HIJACKERS' SHIP! BUT BEFORE I GO, THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST KNOW... SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO KNOW BEFORE MY SOUL IS EVER TO REST IN PEACE!

I'VE GOT TO KNOW THE ANSWER TO TWO QUESTIONS... FIRST... WHO IS THE INSIDE MAN WE'RE LOOKING FOR, AND SECOND.. WHY DO THEY CALL YOU 'TEDDY AND THE PIRATES'?

HUP..
HOO BOY
TOINGG

SUDDENLY... IT ALL COMES CLEAR TO ME...

...I NOW KNOW WHO THE INSIDE MAN FOR THE OPIUM HIJACKERS IS...

...AND I KNOW WHY THEY CALL HIM 'TEDDY AND THE PIRATES'!..

YUMMY!
SWISH
LUNCH!
GNASH
GET 'IM!
GOBBLE
CHOMP
GULP
SMACK
SNAP
CRACKLE
POP

CRIMANETALIES, HALF-SHOT...
AND I WANTED YOU TO MEET SOME MORE BUDDIES THAT SAILED THE CHINA SEAS WITH ME! ...I WANTED YOU TO MEET 'THE PIRATES'!
OPIUM

HORROR DEPT.: A FOG LIES FLAT ON LONDON, LIKE AN OPAQUE BLANKET LYING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STILL LONDON NIGHT! AND DOWN BELOW, THOSE OF THE LIVING... ONE BY NAME OF GODIVA... MOVE THROUGH THE MILKY FOLDS OF THE FOG.. AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE DEAD... BY N-NAME OF...

V-VAMPIRES!

KLEK KLEK KLEK KLEK KLEK KLEK KLEK KLEK KLEK

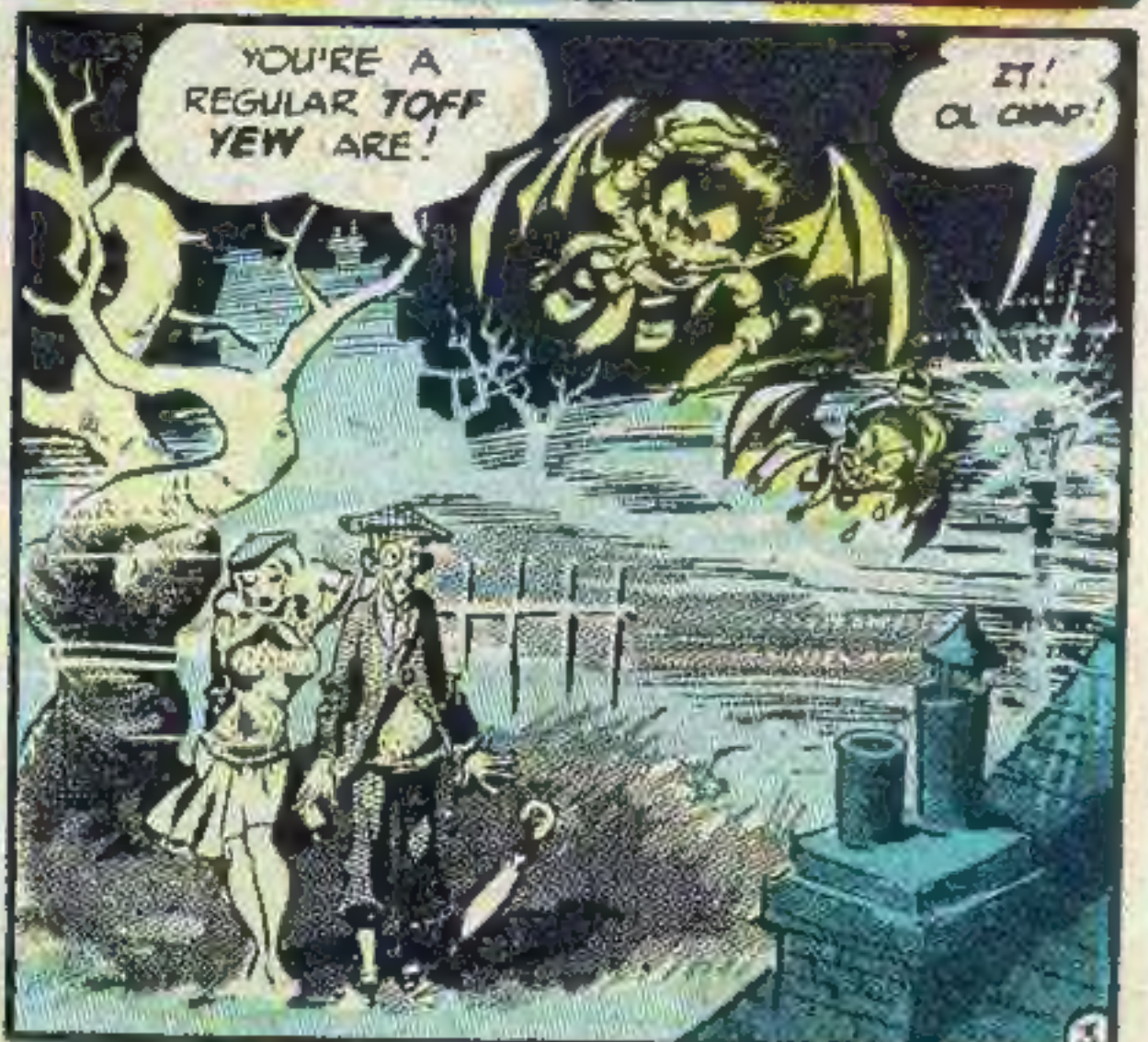
KLIK KLIKETY
CHUF
KLIK
KLIKETY
KLIKETY
CHUF
CHUFFETY
CHUFF!
BLIMEY! DEAD END! TRAPPED! NO! GET AWAY!
BLIMEY! FOLLOWING ME! WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME!
ALLA TIME .. ALLA TIME FOLLOWING ME! GO ON BACK HOME OR I'LL PASTE YOU ONE! POP OFF! BLIMEY!
SUPPOSENT WE DON'T WANNA?
FRBTSK!
STEN 'ERE SIS! WE KNOW YER GOING TER MEET YER BOY FRIEND!... WELL, WE DON'T LEAVE TILL YOU COUGH UP A COUPLE THRUPENCE, TUPPENCE, AND A HA'PENNY!
GIRTZ!
... HOME! FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE! HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT THE ... THAT'S ROAMING THE STREETS OF ... LITTLE CHILDREN LIKE YOU ARE CARELESS! YOU LET STRANGERS SNEAK RIGHT UP BEHIND YOU...

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF THE VAMPIRE SNUCK UP BEHIND YOU? YOU'D BE SCARED! NOT LIKE US GROWN-UPS! THAT'S WHY US GROWN-UPS CAN GO OUT IN THE EVENINGS! WE'RE NOT SCARE...SCEE...SCOO...SCREEEE
ZOOSH!
FOOM!

I SAY, GODIVA, ISN'T IT A BIT RIDICULOUS... CHASING ABOUT THIS TREE?
RENFREW!
BONK
BONK
BONK
SCREEEEEEE

RENFREW! MY BOY FRIEND! LOR' LUM AN' BLIMEY! IT'S YEW!
YES, GODIVA! IY'VE BEEN WAIYTING FOR YOU! AND 'OO ARE THESE TWO LITTLE CHAPS? 'OO?
CRAK!

THEY'RE MY TWO PESKY KID-BROTHERS! THAT'S 'OO! THEY WANT SOME BLACKMAIL BEFORE THEY'LL GO AWAY! TOSS THEM A COUPLE THRUPENCE, HA'PENCE, TUPPENCE, WILL YOU, RENFREW, OLD CHAP?
BASH!

I DON'T HAVE A HA'PENCE, BUT I HAVE FOUR HA'PENNY, THRUPENNY, FUPENCE TUPPENCE FUPPENCE, AND A LEAD SLUG THAT YOU CAN USE TO PLAY THE SLOT MACHINES! NOW POP OFF!
THANKS, GUVNER!
GLFTZX
TINKLE
KLING
KLINK
KLUNK!

YOU'RE A REGULAR TOFF YEW ARE!
ZT! OL CHAP!

I SAY, GODIVA! ISN'T THIS A BIT IRREGULAR, THOSE LITTLE CHAPS FLYING AWAY?
OH AREN'T THEY THE RASCALS, THOUGH!
KOF!

AND ISN'T IT A BIT IRREGULAR THAT YOU HAD ME MEET YOU HERE, IN A CEMETERY?
LISTEN, RENFREW! PEOPLE DIE TO GET IN HERE! BESIDES, COULD YOU THINK OF A MORE DISCREET PLACE FOR TWO YOUNG FOOLS MADLY IN LOVE TO HAVE A TRYST? IN OTHER WORDS...
R.I.P.

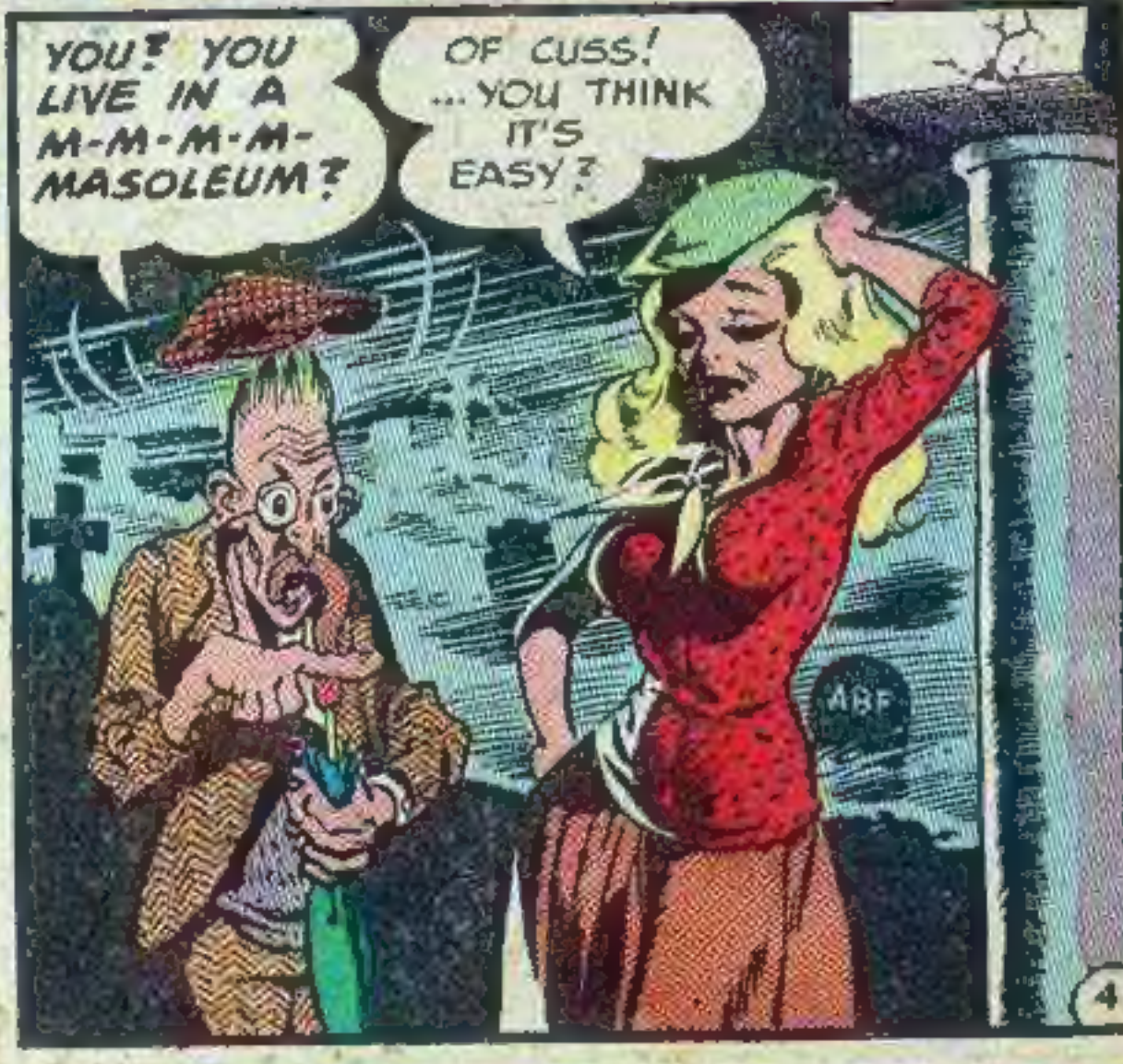
CAHMON, RENF'! LET'S NECK!
BUT, GODIVA, THE NIGHT IS DARK!

WOW! C'MON!
BUT GODIVA! THE STORIES ABOUT THE VAMPIRE ROAMING LONDON...

TWEET! YAHOO! C'MON!
VEDDY WELL, GODIVA, OLD CHAP! I GIVE YOU THIS AS A SIGN OF MY AFFECTION!
FWEET!

YOU KISSED ME!
FRESH!
TAKE ME HOME!
CRAK!

FORGIVE ME, GODIVA! BLASTED FOG DOES THINGS TO A MAN, YOU KNOW! IF YOU'LL SHOW ME THE BLASTED WAY, I'LL TAKE YOU BLASTED HOME!
WHY IT'S NOT VEDDY FAR! AS A METTER OF FECT IT'S JUST AHEAD!

YOU? YOU LIVE IN A M-M-M-M-MASOLEUM?
OF CUSS! ...YOU THINK IT'S EASY?

C'MON IN, RENFREW! I'LL FIX YOU A CUP OF COOL, WET TEA!
GAD WOMAN! THAT SMILE...

C'MON IN! I GOT COKE ON A MARBLE SLAB! NICE AND COLD!
THOSE LIPS... THOSE TEETH...

C'MON IN! I GOT SOME MOULDY OLD BLINTZES LEFT OVER FROM LAST YEAR!
ESPECIALLY THOSE TEETH...

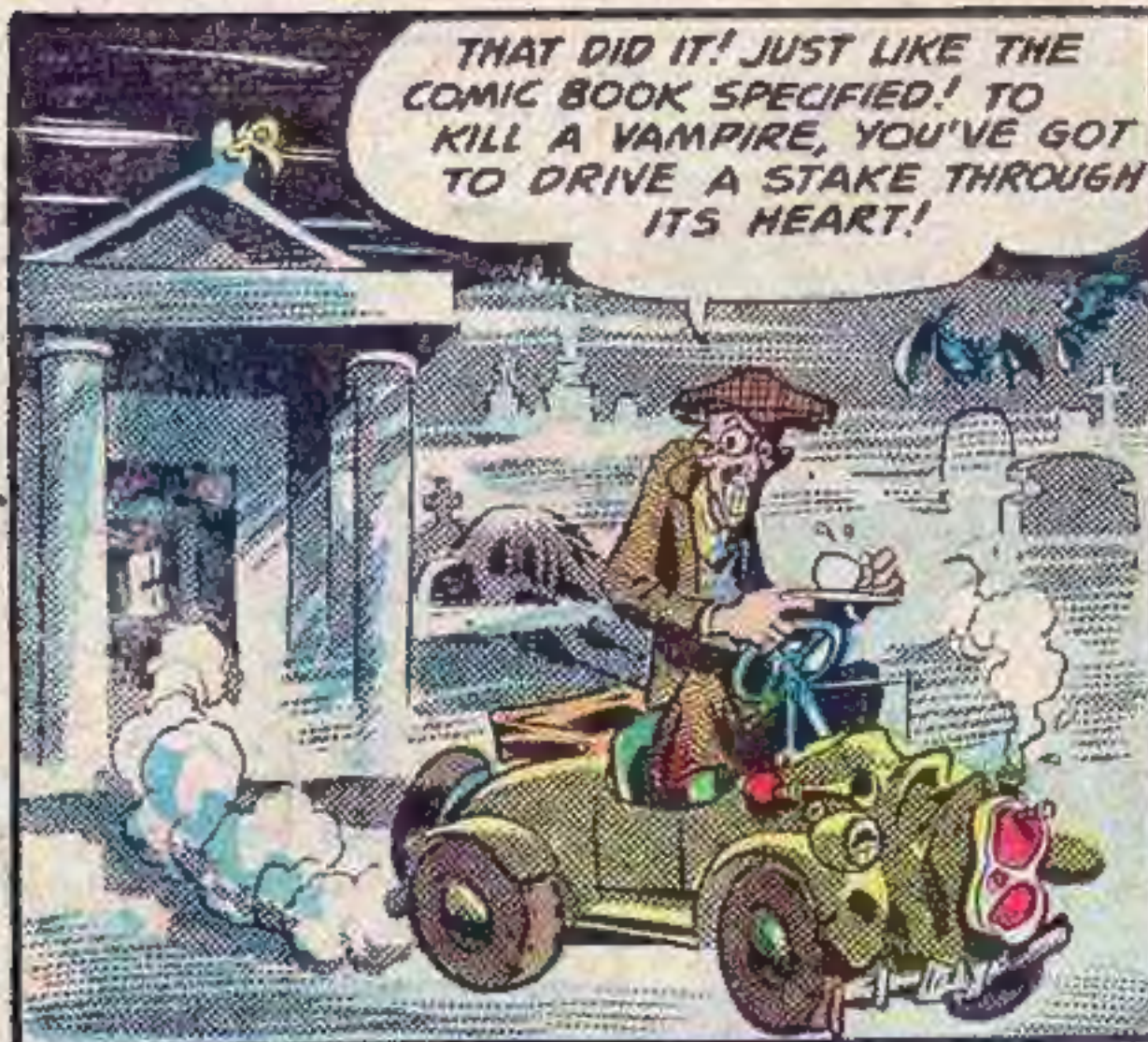
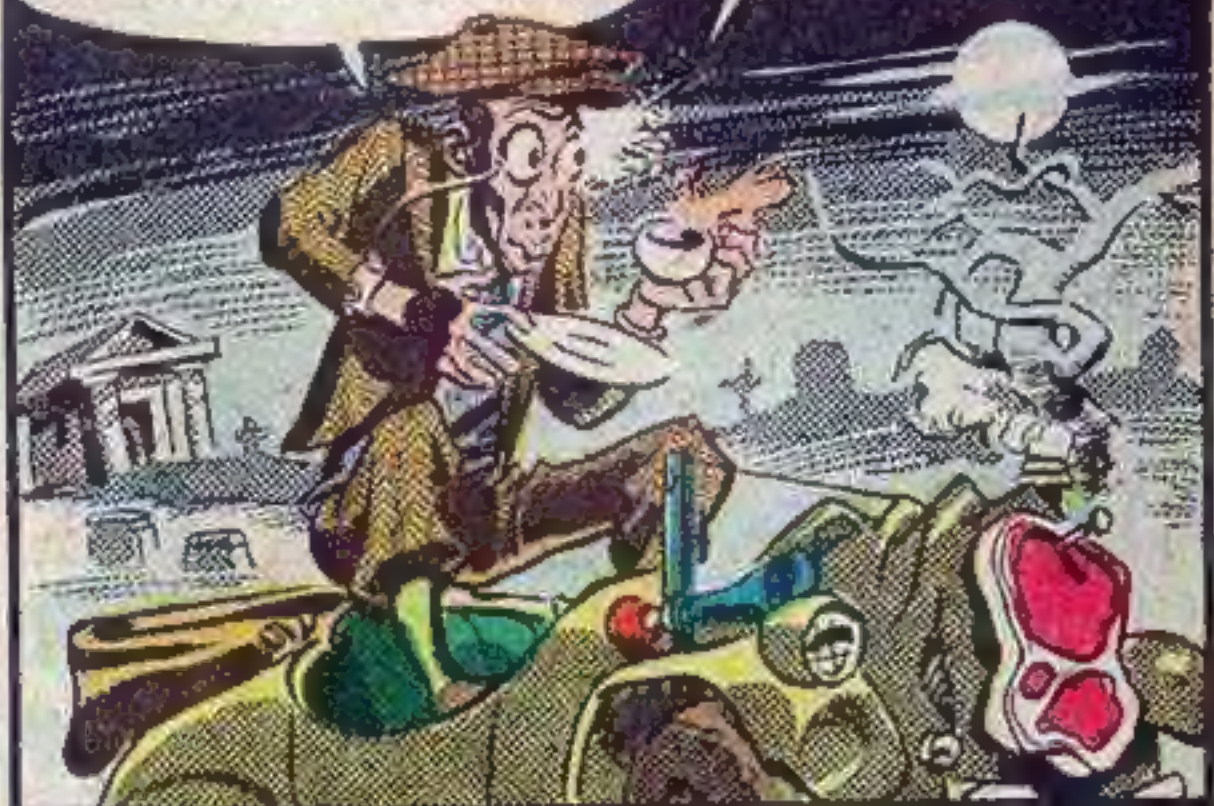
HOW 'BOUT A PLATE OF BLOOD-RED BORSCHT! OR MAYBE JUST A PLATE OF BLOOD!
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN USING YOUR CHLOROPHYLL TOOTHPASTE!

ARF A MO'!
GODIVA'S TEETH! THEY'RE NOT TEETH! THEY'RE FANGS! BAT FANGS!
GODIVA IS...
AN UMPIRE!

DASH IT ALL... I MEAN VAMPIRE!
I MUST DESTROY THE VAMPIRE! BUT HOW? I WILL RUSH HOME TO MY STUDY! SURELY, IN MY LIBRARY OF RARE, MUSTY OLD MOROCCAN LEATHER BOUND BOOKS, I WILL FIND OUT HOW TO DESTROY THE VAMPIRE!
KLASH!
VROOOOM!

HAH! I FOUND IT! IN MY 'VAULT OF HORROR' COMIC BOOK #9! RIGHT AFTER THE STORY OF THE THING IN THE SWAMP THAT EATS UP THE GRANDMA ALIVE... IT TELLS HOW TO KILL A VAMPIRE!

DUST OFF THEM BLINTZES, GODIVA, 'CAUSE HERE I COME!
BOP! SHMEK
SQUISH!
CRUSH!
SOK
BEEP
THUD
SQUASH!
HONK
NOK
MROOM
SMASH!
SPLATTER!
SQUISH
DRIP
DRIP!
ETC. ETC.

THAT DID IT! JUST LIKE THE COMIC BOOK SPECIFIED! TO KILL A VAMPIRE, YOU'VE GOT TO DRIVE A STAKE THROUGH ITS HEART!

BLASTED COMIC BOOK DIDN'T SPECIFY A T-BONE STAKE OR A FLANK STAKE... NO MATTER! THAT'S THE END OF GODIVA AND HER SPLAY-TOOTHED CREW!
EEP! THE FULL MOON!

DASH IT! TOO BAD I HAD TO KNOCK GODIVA AND HER FAMILY OFF! I WANTED TO SHOW HER SOMETHING TONIGHT!

AT PARTIES, THE FELLOWS THAT PLAYED ACCORDIANS OR HAD BOW-TIES THAT LIT IN THE DARK...

...WERE ALWAYS THE LIFE OF THE PARTIES! GODIVA NEVER THOUGHT I COULD BE THE LIFE OF A PARTY!... TONIGHT...

...I WAS GOING TO SHOW HER I COULD DO A TRICK THAT'D MAKE ME THE LIFE OF ANY OLD PARTY...

...HOW UNDER THE FULL MOON I CHANGE TO A WEREWOLF!

ECH... MAYBE IT'S A GOOD THING I KNOCKED OFF GODIVA! BEING A WEREWOLF IS TOUGH ENOUGH THESE DAYS WITHOUT GETTING COMPETITION FROM BLOOMING VAMPIRES.
HI-HO! I THINK I'LL GO DOWN TO PICCADILLY CIRCUS AND HOWL AT SOME BABES!
ROWR!
ROUGH!
YIP
ROLL OVER!
SIT UP!
YIPE
GRR-ROUGH!
FETCH!
SPEAK!
BEG!
POINT!
BOW WOW!
DOWN BOY!
HEEL
SCRATCH
BOW WOW?
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